

# The MESSage “Isaac”

## TIMELINE

\*About 400 years and 10 Generations passed between Noah and Abraham

Abraham would have a boy named ISAAC

Isaac had 2 boys.....Jacob and Esau

Jacob’s name was changed to ISRAEL

ISRAEL’S sons & grandsons made up the 12 tribes of Israel! HISTORY!!!!

**Hebrews 11:17-20** By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, <sup>18</sup>even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”<sup>19</sup> Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.

NOT MUCH ABOUT ISAAC.....BUT JUST ENOUGH!

**Deuteronomy 6:10-12** <sup>10</sup>When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, <sup>11</sup>houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, <sup>12</sup>be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

-ISAAC MADE THE LIST OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS!!

-ISAAC WAS IN THE LINE OF THE MESSIAH! PART OF THE PROMISE!

To do that.....the baton needed to be passed!

-Like a 3 generation business.....you either LOVE it or HATE it!

3 THINGS HE MIGHT HAVE LEARNED FROM HIS DAD!

**Genesis 22:1-2** Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied. <sup>2</sup> Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

THIS STORY IS CRAZY TOWN!!!!

FAITH IS A MUSCLE.....EXERCISED 40 YEARS!

-“So you’re saying there’s a chance”

SO ISAAC WAS CLEARLY RAISED IN A HOUSEHOLD OF GREAT FAITH!

-Sometimes things get passed onto the next generation (some good and some bad)

-Athletes, Medical field, Teachers, Pastors, Family business!

MULTI GENERATIONAL LESSONS LEARNED:

### 1) YOU CAN ALWAYS TRUST GOD

-Abraham 75 when he was promised he would be a great nation!

-Abraham was 90 when God promised him a son

-Abraham was 100 when he had his son! Sarah was 91!!!

-25 YEARS!!!!

\*25 years of waiting! This was his baby!

**ISAAC WAS THE ANSWER TO ALL OF ABRAHAM'S DREAMS!!!**

-Maybe Abraham had built the confidence about his promised legacy around Isaac?

**Genesis 22:2** Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

-Could it be that there was an OWNERSHIP struggle between Abraham and God??

-Could it be that Abraham had allowed Isaac to become an IDOL??

-Maybe the GIFT had become more important than the GIVER??

-God was asking Abraham to SURRENDER what he held MOST dear!  
I struggle with that with The Waters!

-SOMETIMES I HOLD ON TOO TIGHT!

-“Is it MY church? Or is it “HIS” church?

-Are they MY kids? Or have I dedicated them to HIM?

-Is it MY money? Or am I living as it is HIS?

-THESE ARE ALL ISSUES OF THE HEART!

-Live in BALANCE of RESPONSIBILITY & TRUST!!

\*THE SAFEST PLACE FOR YOUR DREAMS IS IN GOD’S HANDS!

## 2) **GOD ALWAYS BLESSES OBEDIENCE!**

-Making sacrifices to God was not out of the norm for them!

-Isaac.....where are we going.....to the Region of Moriah  
“Go to the mountain I will show you”

**SO WHY IS HE FAMOUS FOR HIS FAITH?????? Hebrews 11**

**-ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD COULD BRING HIM BACK TO LIFE!**

What if this story was more about Isaac than we think????

**Genesis 22:6-9 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together,7 Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?”**

**Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup> Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. <sup>9</sup> When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.**

Last week: 115 year old man trying to tie up and kill a 15 year old teenage boy?????

Abraham had to have explained to Isaac what was going on.

-Any teenage boy would say that Dad has gone nuts!

\*\*There was a HUGE FAITH that was built in Isaac's life!

Share your God stories with your kids!

### **3) GOD ALWAYS PROVIDES!**

Last week: God told Abraham about the inheritance that was to come!

Immediately.....

**Genesis 12:7 So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.**

-Abraham made a sacrifice to the Lord

**Genesis 14:18-20 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, <sup>19</sup> and he blessed Abram, saying, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. <sup>20</sup> And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.” Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.**

We can get the concept of stewardship all wrong!

-IT IS ABOUT THE HEART.....NOT THE MONEY!

**STEWARDSHIP VERSUS OWNERSHIP!**

-I don't "OWN" my house.....THE BANK DOES!

-and as long as I give them their monthly share.....

.....I CAN DO WHAT I WANT!

LET'S GO BACK TO THE FOUNDING PRINCIPLES BEFORE THERE WAS MONEY!

**Genesis 2:15-17** The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

PRINCIPLE OF STEWARDSHIP!

Stewardship says you gave this to me.....I will live off of 90%  
Ownership says this is my money and I might give you 10%

STEWARDSHIP IS MUCH LESS STRESS! THIS IS YOUR PROBLEM!!  
ISAAC GREW UP SEEING HIS DAD MAKE SACRIFICES TO GOD!

-Remember....MOST THINGS ARE “CAUGHT” NOT “TAUGHT”

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WE GET TO TEACH OUR KIDS TO LIVE “OPEN HANDED” OR “CLOSED”

-STEWARDS or OWNERS?

-Earlier lesson.....“God always blessed obedience”

**Genesis 22:12-14** “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.” <sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram<sup>at</sup> caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

-Imagine Isaac's version of the story!!

LESSONS:

- You can always trust God
- God always blessed obedience
- God always provides

#### 4) **GOD ALWAYS KEEPS HIS WORD!**

-GOD IS A GOD OF COVENANT!

**The covenant between Abraham and God consisted of three separate parts:**

- the promised land. (Joshua let them into it.....they lost it) ISRAEL is tiny!
  - the promise of the descendants. (Jewish people all through the world)
  - the promise of blessing and redemption. (Fulfilled through Jesus for ALL)
- ALL THIS WILL BE YOURS IF YOU TRUST AND FOLLOW ME!

THAT'S WHY JESUS CAME THROUGH THE LINE OF ABRAHAM!!

-Everything in the Old Testament points to Jesus!!

Abraham's covenant with God was one of FAITH.....Before there ever was the Law of Moses!

-Covenant of blood between the halves of a sacrificed animal. (Genesis 15)

-The MOSAIC LAW was all about rules, rituals and cleansing by blood!

But Abraham being asked to sacrifice his son was a FORESHADOWING to JESUS!!

AT THE BEGINNING.....BEFORE THE LAW OF MOSES!

-Showing us that this was God's plan from the beginning!!

NOT A COVENANT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS.....BUT RELATIONSHIP!

**Hebrews 10:1** The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship.

**Colossians 2:16-17** Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. <sup>17</sup> These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

**1 Peter 1:18-19** For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

**Colossians 2:13-14** When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup> having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

**Romans 3:21-25** But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, <sup>£</sup> through faith in his blood.

**Hebrews 10-19-23** Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

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LESSONS:

-You can always trust God

- God always blessed obedience
- God always provides
- God always keeps His word!

ARE YOU PASSING THESE ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION??

-Not guilt.....It is our greatest calling!

LESSONS:

- You can always trust God (flex your faith muscle-Bring it to HIM)
- God always blessed obedience (share your life stories)
- God always provides (share your God stories)
- God always keeps His word! (Live and share the grace)

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**