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**Genesis 12:1–3**

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## **Abraham** – Genesis 12-25a

- Abraham was **fearful**
- Abraham was foolish
- Abraham was an example of faith

**Genesis 15:6** - Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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### Lessons for Isaac life

- **Embrace the life you have.**
- **Don't presume the future**

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## Jacob - Genesis 25b-37

### Facts about Jacob

- Lived up to the meaning of his name - **deceiver**.
- From 4 wives – **12 sons** and 1 daughter
- It took 20 years for God to build humility into his life.

**God can transform our character.**

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for  
**whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.**

**Galatians 6:7**

12 He had a dream, and behold, a **ladder** was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the **angels of God** were **ascending** and **descending** on it. 13 And behold, the Lord stood **above it** and said, "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I **will give it to you** and to **your descendants**. 14 "Your descendants will also be **like the dust of the earth**, and you will spread out to the west ...

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### The Sermon on the Mount

5 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

### The Beatitudes

- 2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
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you meant **evil against me**, but **God meant it for good** in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

**Genesis 50:20**

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**God can use the evil of others for His purposes and glory.**

24 Joseph said to his brothers, “I am about to die, but **God will surely take care of you and bring you up from this land to the land which He promised on oath to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob.**”

**Genesis 50:24**

Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely take care of you, and **you shall carry my bones up from here.**"

**Genesis 50:25**

By **faith** Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and **gave orders concerning his bones.**

**Hebrews 11:22**

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