

# FLAWED AND FAITHFUL

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### I. FAMILY TREE: ABRAHAM

**Matthew 1:1-2** This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

**Genesis 12:1-3** The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

**James 2:21-23** Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend.

### II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A FRIEND OF GOD?

#### *1. God's Friends Are Flawed People*

##### **A. Abraham was not perfect.**

- The Bible does not hide the fact that God uses flawed people.

##### **B. A Lack of Patience**

**Genesis 16:1-2** Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said.

**Genesis 16:15-16** So Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

- We jeopardize God's blessing in our lives when we lose patience with His timing.

## C. A Lack of Integrity

**Genesis 12:11-13** As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are. When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live. Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you."

**Genesis 26:7** When the men of that place asked him about his wife, he said, "She is my sister," because he was afraid to say, "She is my wife." He thought, "The men of this place might kill me on account of Rebekah, because she is beautiful."

**Genesis 27:19** Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing."

**Genesis 27:22-24** Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau." He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he proceeded to bless him. "Are you really my son Esau?" he asked. "I am," he replied.

**Genesis 37:31-32** Then they got Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. They took the ornate robe back to their father and said, "We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son's robe."

*"That's why leading by example is not optional. It's what we do, whether we realize it or not. The only question is, what kind of example are we setting? Because eventually the student will become the teacher. And whatever we are is what we'll get." — Larry Osborne*

- A lack of integrity today will bring loss in your future and create a legacy for your family.

## 2. God's Friends Are Faithful People

### A. Abraham was persistent.

**Hebrews 11:8-10** By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

## **B. Abraham Had Obedient Faith**

- Faithful people obey God's guidance for their lives.

**Hebrews 11:11-12** And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

## **C. Abraham Had Expectant Faith**

- Faithful people expect that God will keep His promises.

**Hebrews 11:17-18** 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, even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

## **D. Abraham Had Sacrificial Faith**

- Faithful people trust God with all that they have.

### ***3. God's Friends Have A Faithful God***

#### **A. God is always faithful.**

**Hebrews 11:19** Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

#### **B. Amazing faith is placed in an awesome God.**

**Isaiah 41:8-10** "But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.