

**MAIN IDEA** - The only God saves His people from slavery.

### Building Block #1 - GOD'S UNIQUE IDENTITY

ISAIAH 45:5-7

## HEAD

What is unique about the LORD over the gods that other religions worship?

The name of God points to His self-sufficient, eternal existence. Other religions have tried to create their own gods who have their own power but God has existed in reality from eternity past to eternity future. God is the only real God who has power over creation.

### Building Block #2 - GOD'S MIGHTY PATTERN OF REDEMPTION

ROMANS 6:17-18, 22-23

## HANDS

How does it change a Christian's life to know they are no longer slaves of sin?

Before we were Christians, we had no power over sin. We were enslaved to it. Even through we might have resisted some temptations for a time, ultimately we were always serving sin instead of serving God. But Christians have been set free from this service to sin. Christians no longer have to obey evil. We can live lives that are pleasing to God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Building Block #3 - GOD'S GRACIOUS PROVISION

ROMANS 3:24-26

## HEART

How is this passage about Jesus related to the story of the Passover in Exodus?

Just like the lambs' blood caused God's wrath to pass over the houses of Israel, the blood of Jesus saves us from the wrath of God over our sin. Now, through the blood of Jesus, we can stand before God without dying because of our sin. Have you received this salvation?

## Pray

ROMANS 6:17-18

### Adoration

God is gracious and always good, delivering captives from their captors.

### Confession

We have submitted ourselves to the wrong master, obeying sin and death instead of God.

### Thanksgiving

God has freed us from slavery to sin and given us the opportunity to serve Him instead.

### Supplication

Pray that God would help us walk in the obedience He won for us on the cross.

## Memorize

EXODUS 3:14

## SUMMARY

This week we are looking at a couple of stories in the life of Isaac. This patriarch lives a life that many of us can relate to as Christians. At times he shows faith in the promises of God and at other times he acts out of fear of the world. Isaac's life teaches us to fight fear with faith in the promises of God.

## TEXT

Genesis 26

## OUTLINE

Fight fear with faith in the promises of God.

### Discussion Questions

- What do you fear? Why?
- What promises has God given that can help you fight that fear with faith?

### **Faith - Rely on God, not the world.**

*Persevere where God put you* - Isaac is called to stay in a place of famine by faith.

*Rely on God's promises* - Isaac obeys because of his trust in God's faithfulness to keep His promises.

*God will bless His people* - We can persevere and rely on God because we know that God blesses His people far beyond what we could earn ourselves.

### **Fear - Fear God, not the world.**

*Fear of the world is unnecessary* - Isaac's fear assumed that God might not keep His promises and that humans might be able to thwart the blessing of God.

*Fear makes us hurt other people* - Isaac put both Rebekah and the Philistines in danger for the sake of his own wellbeing.

*Fear makes us sin* - Even the pagan Abimelech knew that what Isaac did was wrong. The world is watching to see whether or not fear of the world controls us.

### **We don't have to fear the world because God will bless His people.**

Despite Isaac's imperfections, God blessed him greatly. God has made promises to bless those who put their faith in Him. He will certainly keep those promises. We can use that certainty to fight any fear we have in this world.