

MAIN IDEA - God shows us His character through the world He has created.

Building Block #1 - CREATION

COLOSSIANS 1:16-17

HEAD What does it mean that all things were made through Jesus and for Jesus?

The Bible teaches us that Jesus is God, and was the One who made everything in all creation out of nothing. Verse 17 also tells us that He is the One that is holding everything in creation together and sustaining its existence. The purpose of creation, including mankind, is to bring glory to God. So our lives out to be lived in a way that pleases Him and shows His glory to the world around us.

Building Block #2 - THE FALL

ROMANS 1:21-25

HEART What are some things in this life that you have exchanged for the glory of God?

We were created to worship God and bring Him glory with our every breath. Instead, we value other things in this world more than we value Him. We prioritize things that God created instead of prioritizing Him.

Building Block #3 - THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION

GALATIANS 4:4-5

HANDS How can we trace the promise of Genesis 3:15 to Jesus?

Galatians 4 tells us that Jesus was sent from God, born of woman. Jesus was the promised offspring who would bruise the head of the serpent. In Luke 3, Jesus' genealogy is traced all the way back to Adam and Eve. If we look at some of the characters that are a part of His genealogy, we can see that God has been working through the entire Old Testament period toward the coming of Jesus.

Pray

COLOSSIANS 1:15-23

Adoration God powerfully created all things and holds them together with the power of His word.

Confession We turn from Him and put His creation before Him in our lives.

Thanksgiving God went to great lengths to reconcile us to Him and bring peace between God and mankind.

Supplication Pray that God would sustain us in the faith, giving us strength to give Him the glory He deserves.

Memorize

GENESIS 1:27

SUMMARY

We have come to one of the most gripping stories of the Old Testament, where God commands Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac as a burnt offering. The narrative shows us Abraham's obedience as he goes where God commands and comes all the way to the brink of killing his son before God provides a substitute. Hebrews 11:17-19 and James 2 give commentary on the story and show us that Abraham's faith led him to radical obedience. The story also offers a powerful comparison to when God gave His only Son as an obedient offering in our place. This passage calls us to put our faith in God and to let that faith work out in radical obedience to Him.

TEXT

Genesis 22

OUTLINE

Prove your faith in God's provision by living in radical obedience.

- Lean in to the test. (Genesis 22:1-2)

God will test...

1. What you value - God will test you with the things you value most because God deserves to be the thing you value most.
2. What you believe - Our belief in God's promises should hold even when the test doesn't seem to make sense

- Answer the test with obedience. (Genesis 22:3-10)

Those with genuine faith...

1. Obey immediately - Ps. 119:60 - I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments
2. Obey radically - Lk. 14:33 - Any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple
3. Obey in faith - Look forward at the promises God has given us so that there is from which we can be obedient.

- Obey until God provides. (Genesis 22:11-19)

- Let God prove Himself

The point of us proving our faith is ultimately to prove the faithfulness of our God.

- Let God use your Faith

God sovereignly works through those who live obediently in faith.

Discussion Questions

- What does James mean when he says faith without works is dead?
- How is God calling you to step out in the obedience of faith today?
- Share about a time that God provided for you.