

Abraham

Wk 3: Abraham and Isaac.

Introduction:

I'm so much like my dad it's not funny. I carry so much of his personality and character. I trust him.

God's consistency builds our faith.

Abraham saw God was faithful.

God was faithful in Egypt. (12)

God was faithful in the war against the kings (14)

God was faithful despite Hagar. (16)

God was faithful in Isaac's birth (21)

Abraham's "arch" peaks after this in the sacrificing of Isaac (22)

He saw God do so much, he wouldn't doubt again.

The issue is faith is not so much whether we believe in God, but whether we believe the God we believe in.

R.C. Sproul

God's promises are faithful.

God did small versions of his promise to foreshadow the big ones.

The land he got to bury Sarah was the beginning of fulfilment.

The birth of Isaac was the beginning of a great nation fulfilled.

The work with the Hittites and Philistines [Abemelech] (21,23)

Revelation is God's letter of promise that he keeps his promise.

We win. Death is dead. Sin is gone.

Take your stand on the Rock of Ages. Let death, let judgement come: the victory is Christ's and yours through him.

D.L. Moody

God does what he promises.

Hebrews 10:23 - He who promised is faithful

Our children are watching

Isaac struggled, just like his dad.

He did the EXACT same thing with Abemelech. (26)

He does the EXACT same thing with Famine (26)

The only story he is the main focus and he re-lives his dad's faults.

What picture am I painting for my kids?

Do they see me trusting Jesus?

Do they see my religious vigor and not relationship with God?

Do they see a faith that I want them to carry on?

"Be careful, father, for while you are taking one round on the Devil's track your boy will make six."

Billy Sunday

Ephesians 6:4 - Bring them up in instruction and disciple in the Lord

Conclusion:

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the full staircase. (MLK Jr)

May You have faith that trusts God and his history of faithfulness.

Extras

In God's eyes, the greatest heroes of faith are not those who achieve prosperity, success, and power in this life, but those who treat life as a temporary assignment and serve faithfully, expecting their promised reward in eternity.

– Rick Warren, – What on Earth Am I Here For?

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