

# Abraham- Promise Fulfilled

## Session TWO

### TEACHING NOTES

#### The heart of man

Romans 1:24-25

Exodus 20:3

#### The call of Abraham

Genesis 12:1-3

God has a plan

#### The covenant

Genesis 16:1-4

God keeps His promises

Genesis 17:15-22

Genesis 21:1

#### KEY VERSE(S)

Genesis 22

#### KEY THEME(S)

God has a plan  
God keeps His promises  
God provides

God communicates

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God provides

*It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, even though God had told him, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted." Hebrews 11:17-18*

**An unbelievable command**

Genesis 22:2

**The walk of faith**

Job 23:10

Genesis 22:8-14

*Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead. Hebrews 11:19*

**PERSONAL STUDY**

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Each week, we have provided you with a guide for personal study and reflection over what has been taught. In order to grow your personal relationship with God you must spend regular, personal time with Him. We have now broken this time up into two 20-minute sessions to more easily fit this study into your life. We highly encourage you to make room in your weekly schedule for this time with God and His Word.

**Session 1** (approximately 20 minutes)

**Prepare your heart and mind**

Begin your time with God by asking the Holy Spirit to quiet your mind and focus on Him.

**Read Genesis 17:15-19, 18:11-15**

Can you imagine how you might feel if the Lord came to you when you were well past the child raising stage and told you that you would have another child? What might have been your reaction?

Do you remember what God had told Abraham 25 years earlier? *“I will bless you and make you famous, you will be a blessing to others... All the families on the earth will be blessed from you.”* Genesis 12:2-3b

This promise God made to Abraham is commonly referred to as the Abrahamic Covenant. God was promising to provide through Abraham’s family tree the ultimate blessing. Jesus Christ came through this lineage.

Why do you think God chose to involve people in His plan to reach out to a world that had largely ignored Him?

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**Application**

Consider all that God has done to bring you to the place you are right now. Write down what comes to mind.

We see again that God does what He says. Is there anything in your life right now that you are struggling to see how God will respond? How does this test your faith in God?

**Prayer time**

Spend some time talking to God. You don't have to use big words or long sentences – just be yourself. God already knows everything going on, so be honest with Him. Talk to God the same way you would to a trusted friend whom you love deeply.

Thank God for the example of Abraham who put his faith in God even though the circumstances did not look good.

Share with God any current struggles you have in trusting Him. Ask Him to give you the faith and patience to let the Lord work.

**Session 2** (approximately 20 minutes)

**Prepare your heart and mind**

Ask God to help you to be free of distractions while you spend this time alone with Him.

**Read Genesis 21:1-7**

God blesses Abraham and Sarah with the promised son of Isaac. Can you imagine their amazement and excitement?

What do we learn about God through the birth of Isaac?

God **always** does what He says He will do, regardless of how hopeless the circumstances look.

**Read Genesis 22:1-18**

What do you think Abraham's initial thoughts were when he received this directive from God?

What does it tell you about Abraham's relationship with God that enabled him to follow through with taking Isaac up the mountain to sacrifice him?

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**Application**

When you consider Abraham's relationship with God, what do you desire to develop in your own relationship with God?

What keeps you from trusting God with the kind of faith Abraham displayed?

Is there anything God is asking you to do that you have been hesitating on? Ask God for the wisdom and courage to move forward with His help.

**Prayer time**

Spend some time talking to God about your relationship with Him. Ask Him to show you where you need to trust Him more.

Thank the Lord for the things He has done for you. Share with God what is on your heart and mind. Pray for any needs you have in your life.

Finish your time with the Lord in quiet reflection. See what God may bring to mind during this time of stillness.

**PARENT GUIDE**

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**Idol worship in our lives**

Abraham puts one thing in front of God and that is his son Isaac. Children are great and family is very important, but God wants to be the most important thing in our lives. He wants to be your focus and guide for everything- that is the way He set it up from the beginning. It might be easy for you as a parent to see what keeps your teenagers from God. But it is not as easy for them to see it is just as hard for us adults to identify what keeps us from God.

The question that might come out of the story is a simple one: what is the Isaac in our lives? What things in our lives are more important than God?

Before chatting with your kids about this topic and telling them what the idols are in their lives, ask yourself the question first. Teenagers look for the opposite of hypocrisy; they desire honesty and openness. You might try telling your kids what you idolize and start the conversation with that point. As you discuss this with them, ask if they agree with you. As the conversation progresses, ask what they think are their idols or what they put above God. Their responses might include friends, ipods, and popularity. Be careful not to point out their errors, but be open with your life first.

What a neat story it would be if you and your kids started a journey together towards tearing down the idols in your lives. This could be a major corner stone in your children's walk(s) with God.

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## OPTIONAL STUDY

The intent of this optional study time will be to look at other supporting passages in God's Word that help us learn the concepts that have already been covered.

**The faithfulness of God**

One of the main themes of this week's teaching is that God always does what He says He will do. God does not speak as men do, talking just to hear themselves. A person is known by the words that come out of their mouth. We all know people who have been very quick to make a big promise, but have come up short on its delivery. Not so with the Lord. He always brings to pass the things He has promised, even if it takes thousands of years. The Bible is full of stories where God made a promise and delivered even when it seemed impossible to accomplish His word.

**Read John 14:1-4**

What is Jesus promising in this passage?

Knowing the story of Abraham and Isaac, how does that give you confidence to know that God keeps His word?

Do you believe that Jesus is coming back to Earth for you? If so, it should literally change the way you think and behave.

Spend some time praising the Lord for the reality of His return.