

The God of Redemption.

Abraham, Isaac & Jacob.

Genesis 12-33

What's in a Name?

- Abram – Exalted Father.
- Abraham – Father of many nations.
- Sarai – Princess.
- Sarah – Princess of multitudes.
- Isaac – Laughter.
- Jacob – Supplanter, Grabber, Trickster.

Abraham - Father of our Faith

- Romans 4:16-17 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the descendants; not to those only who are of the law, but to those also who are of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, (As it is written, I have made you a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead, and calls those things which are not as though they were.

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- Galatians 3:7-9 Know you therefore that they who are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In you shall all nations be blessed. So then they who are of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.
- Galatians 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Abraham's Journey

- God speaks - Abraham obeys.
- God appears – Abraham sees.
- God promises – Abraham believes.
- Abraham plays God – gets into a mess.
- Abraham laughs – God promises.
- Sarah laughs – God promises.
- Abraham intercedes – God answers.
- Abraham wanders – God is faithful.
- God describes – Abraham finds.
- God tests – Abraham commits.
- Abraham commits – God is Committed.

Isaac – Establisher of our Faith

- Genesis 17:19-21 And God said, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son indeed; and you shall call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him. And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear unto you at this set time in the next year.

Isaac's Journey

- Abraham obeys – Isaac submits.
- Abraham finds a wife – Isaac is comforted.
- God speaks - Isaac obeys.
- Isaac reopens the wells of Abraham.
- Isaac digs his own wells.
- Isaac makes peace.
- Isaac blesses Jacob – how much did he realise what was happening?
- Isaac sends Jacob away.

Jacob – Expander of our Faith

- Genesis 25:23 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in your womb, and two manner of people shall be born of you; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.
- 12 Tribes of Israel.
- Abraham 230, Isaac 123, Jacob 345.

Jacob's Journey

- Acquires the birthright.
- Obtains the double blessing.
- Encounters God at the Gate of Heaven.
- Marries, prospers, and returns.
- Wrestles with God.
- Holds on to God for a Blessing. The grabber again.
- Is given a new name, - Israel, “Prince with God”.
- Reconciles with Esau.

The God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob

- Flawed People.
- Responsive to God.
- Heart after God's Purposes.
- Men in whom God would invest.

What are You?

- What is your Name?
- Are you an Abraham, - Apostle sent one, one to lay foundations?
- Are you an Isaac, - Pastoral establisher of a work of God?
- Are you a Jacob, - Evangelist, expander, church planter, breakout person?
- All are needed, all are valuable to God.

The God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob

- Man in God's Image.
- Abraham – the Father, author of life.
- Isaac – the Son, man of peace, submissive unto death.
- Jacob – the Spirit, goes where he wills, breaks new ground.
- The Human Trinity.
- The Kingdom of God is:-
 - Righteousness,
 - Peace,
 - Joy in the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Said:-

- Mark 12:26-27 And concerning the dead, that they rise: have you not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spoke unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living:
- Matthew 8:11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

**God's Plan of
Redemption
Begins!!!**