



Legacy – Faith: Making the Hard Choices.

The Story of Abraham

In **Gen. 12** God calls us to faith.

Leaving the familiar to go to the new can be a hard choice

God guides our steps of faith.

Walking by faith and not by sight can be a hard choice...

Gen 12:1-5 God uses our Faith to bless many

Choosing to be a blessing for many can be a hard choice...

Gen 15:1- 6 God reassures faith.

⇒ **V8**

Keeping your faith in spite of your circumstances can be a hard choice...

Ch 16 Faith is usually not without faults.

Bowing down to peer pressure or standing with God alone can be a hard choice...

Well Ishmael is born and Abram is 86 years old... **V16**

Ch 17 God reaffirms Faith.

Circumcision = a symbol of a blood covenant

✓ *Personal obedience can be a hard choice... and painful!*

Ch 18-19 God is Watching and ... has an opinion.

His word is His promise and will come to pass...

His Moral Standards last, break them they break you...

Living according to God’s moral code and bucking the culture can be a hard choice...

Ch 20: Abraham fakes out a King

Ch 21: Sarah gets pregnant and has Isaac = name means laughter.

Ch 22: God tests faith

V6-8 ⇒ As faith acts, God will provide.

Staying the course when your faith is tested can be a hard choice...

V10-13 God provides what we need as we act in faith.

Genesis 22:15-18

Personally: When You make the hard choice to please God even when it hurts, God will always provide.

✓ *Baptism service:*

Next Week Legacy Series:

Hope – Prayer makes the impossible possible. Hannah I Sam CH.1 – 2:21

2015 Year of Love- Legacy of Faith, Hope and Love

June's Memory Verse – *Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.* 1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT)

Monday 6/22- Read Genesis 17:1-27

Question: *Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?"* Vs. 17

Truth: *Then God said, "Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.* Vs19

Meditate: *Genesis 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless.*

Prayer: Lord, you are the maker of covenants. Your promises are true.

Action: Be like Abraham- *Walk by faith and be blameless.*

How will I trust God today:

Tuesday 6/23- Read Genesis 18:1-15

Question: *Is anything too hard for the Lord?* Vs. 14

Truth: *I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.* Vs. 14

Meditate: *Gen 18:3- He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by.*

Prayer: Lord, I will be your faithful servant, that I too might find favor in your eyes.

Action: I will faithfully serve the Lord today by _____

What God is asking me to do: _____

Wednesday 6/24- Read Genesis 21:1-5

Question: What promise of God am I waiting faithfully for God to fulfill?

Truth: *Abraham gave the name Isaac (Isaac means he laughs) to the son Sarah bore him.*

Meditate: *Genesis 21:1- Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised.*

Prayer: Lord I can always trust in your promises.

Action: *The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.* Galatians 5:6

I will walk by faith today by: _____

Thursday 6/25- Read Genesis 22:1-19

Question: How did God test Abraham's faith?

Truth: *Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."* Vs. 2

Meditate: *Genesis 22:8 - Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering..."*

God provides: *So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."* (God provided the sacrifice for Abraham and through Christ the sacrifice for all of us.)

Action: Be blessed and bless others by being faithful and obeying God

What am I thankful for: _____

Friday 6/26- Read Hebrews 11:8-12

Question: What is a good definition of faith in God? - Listen and obey.

Truth: *By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.* Vs. 8

Meditate: *Hebrews 11:6- And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him*

Prayer: Father God, I know that my faith in you will always be rewarded.

Action: Walk by faith.

Who will I share God's love with today: _____