**The Fall and Faith of Abraham - Genesis 20-22**

**In Genesis 20 – Abram didn’t believe God’s protection again in the land of Gerar in the face of Abraham’s fears. FEARS can hinder you and me in our walk with God.**

* V2 – Abraham instructed his wife to say you are my sister to Abimelech the King – Abrham was afraid.
* V3 – Again God in His love and Grace came to the King.
* V10-11 – Abraham makes a statement that made him fall in fear. “because I thought, surely the fear of God is not in this place.”
* Abraham learned that sometimes we can get it wrong but most importantly that God is working everywhere in His Creation.

**In Genesis 21 –. God shows Abraham and Sarah that God is “Trustworthy”**

* V1-3 – God had kept His promises and gave Abrham and Sarah a son Issac.

**In Genesis 22 - Abraham is tested by God to prove his faith after a failure**

* V1-2 – God explains the testing
* V3 – Abraham obeys
* V5a – Abrham calls his actions of worship.
* V5b- Abraham calls out his faith.
* V6 – Abraham completes the acts of worship and faith
* V7 – Isaac is confused asked Abraham
* V8 – Abraam’s faith in God is seen
* V9- Isaac submits to his father’s instruction because Isacc is seeing his father Abrham submits to His heavenly father’s instruction.
* V10 – Abrham has it in his mind that this is really going to happen and His Faith is in the goodness and wonderful love and race of God that gave him his son in his old age.
* V11 – The Angel of the Lord calls out “ ABRAHAM” and Abraham says to God “ Here am I”
* V12 – Is the Key verse – Stop - Don’t hurt the kid – I see you faith in fearing God – you dint withhold your only son to me.
* John\_15:13  Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.
* V13 – God proveded a ram stuck in the bushes for a sacrifice.
* **Abraham called that place “Jehovah-jireh” God sees and provides”**

 The Lord Jesus taught His Disciples to put Faith in God and not fear:

* Matthew\_6:30  Wherefore, if God so clothed the grass of the field, which today it is and tomorrow is cast into the oven, *shall He* not much more *cloth* you, O ye of little faith?

God will do His part and we must do our part: What is God’s part and what is our part?

* Good will always supply His Love, Grace, and Truth.

The Free Gift of Eternal life –

* Romans 6:23  For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Makes you a partaker of His Divine Natre -

* 2 Peter 1:4  Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

 Man will always show our Fatih, love, and Submission to God.

* Call on His Name -Rom 10:13  For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Believe with your heart – Romans 10:9-10

**God’s Grace & Love is always Sufficient to meet all our needs:**

* God will supply- Phippians\_4:19  “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
* God will provide 1 Thess. 4:12  “That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.
* God will sustain 1 Cor.10:13  “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

**The Bible says Abram knew what God was asking Him to do, and Abrham was surrender to do it, not knowing why God was asking Him to do it.**

* Faith says I will trust God even if I don’t understand it all right now.
* Job\_19:25  “For I know that my redeemer lives, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:
* God has already “proven” Himself “Trustworthy”
* God doesn’t have to prove Himself over and over for us.
* Man needs to prove Himself to God, as on that is loves God and will trust God more than anything.
* **Psalms 19:14**  Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Your Faith in God’s Character & Love is Sufficient to please God – Conclude*: #1 Tell God you love him and that your faith is in Him - #2 Tell God you want His help to show your faith in everything you do - #3 tell God that you are serious about pleasing Him.*