

GOD'S GRACE, OUR FLAWS

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob • Exodus 3:15

Part 1

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob stand towering among Old Testament leaders. They have always been celebrated for their faith, obedience and accomplishments. But to only see their success, without also seeing their flaws, would alter the central message of the Bible. We are sinners and it is the grace of God that saves and transforms us, through Christ. In this lesson, we'll take a fresh look at the lives of these three patriarchs and their many failures. In doing so, we can gain a deeper understanding of the beauty, patience and transforming power of God's grace.

EXODUS 3:15 - God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.

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Q1: Why did God use people who had character flaws and tended to stray from what He wanted for them, to expand His kingdom?

Q2: After watching this intro video, what about God's grace stood out to you the most?

Three things to remember about the process of transformation?

- 1. Transformation is a slow and often messy process.**
- 2. Don't under-estimate or over-estimate our sin.**
- 3. Grace is omnipotent... Like God Himself... Grace is all-powerful over sin.**

Q3: How can our mind overestimate our sinfulness?

Q4: How can our mind underestimate our sinfulness?

Q5: How do both of the above lead us away from enjoying God's grace?

Q6: Can you think of instances where worship energized you in God's grace?

"Grace will not stop with mere forgiveness. Grace will also transform us. But grace-driven transformation is a slow and steady process."