

ABRAHAM'S PLEA

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Prepare Your Heart & Mind

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.

Reflect/Connect

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

Grow in the Word

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.

FAITHFUL

THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM

REFLECT/CONNECT

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?
- What's something that made you laugh out loud this week, and why?



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The Lord, accompanied by two angels, appeared to Abraham in the form of a man. Abraham offered his visitors water, homemade bread, his finest calf, and fresh milk. Together they shared a meal under the shade of a large oak tree (v. 1-8).

- What stands out to you in Abraham's response to the visitors?

- What qualities of Abraham's hospitality are worth imitating? Take note of the author's lengthy description of Abraham's actions. See also Hebrews 13:1-2.

The visitors asked after Sarah and repeated God's promise to provide Abraham with a son through her. In the face of Sarah's doubt, God affirmed his power and worthiness to be trusted (v. 9-15).

- How does this passage relate to everything that happened in chapter 17?

- How would you describe Sarah's faith and/or attitude based on the interaction between her and God in these verses? Compare her response here to Genesis 21:1-7 and Hebrews 11:11.

- What do you believe is too difficult for God to do in your life?

GENESIS (PART 2) BY THE BIBLE PROJECT

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4isSyennFo>

This animated short tells the story of the start of God's work to rescue and bless his rebellious world by providing an overview of the second half of the book of Genesis, and by outlining how God moved towards redemption by choosing to bless a man named Abram.

ABRAHAM: ONE NOMAD'S AMAZING JOURNEY OF FAITH - CHUCK SWINDOLL

<https://www.amazon.com/Abraham-Nomads-Amazing-Journey-Faith/dp/141438064X>

The real-life story of Abraham as told by Chuck Swindoll. In this biography, we encounter false gods, self-seeking glory, and the faith of a man named Abraham through whom God would bless the nations.

THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM - THE GOSPEL COALITION

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/the-life-of-abraham/#course-introduction>

This is a free, three-lesson course on the account of Abraham's life as described in Genesis offered by the Gospel Coalition. The course offers video, audio, and downloadable study guides.

WHEN I LAY MY ISAAC DOWN - CAROL KENT

<https://www.amazon.com/When-Lay-Isaac-Down-Circumstances/dp/1641582723>

Carol Kent looks to Abraham's faith as she describes her struggle and surrenders to God in the aftermath of her son's murder conviction and subsequent incarceration. Dealing with her anger, grief, and shame, Carol could have given up. Instead, she tells a highly personal, heartbreaking, and uplifting story that will bolster your faith.

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