

## Personal weekly Bible readings to go deeper into Scripture.

*Memory Verse: Genesis 50:20*

Day 1—Chapter 3 of “The Story”

Day 2—Genesis 37 & 39-41

Day 3—Genesis 42 - 44

Day 4—Genesis 45 - 47

Day 5—Genesis 48 & 50

### Questions to consider while reading the Bible:

Is there an example to follow?

Is there a sin to avoid?

Is there a promise to rely on?

Is there a command to obey?

Is there a challenge in which to respond?

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## *God Builds A Nation*

*September 22-23*

*Chapter 2; Genesis 22:1-12; Hebrews 11:17-19*

Please use this space to take notes during the message today.



Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

Genesis 22:8

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## Adult and teen small group discussion points

Please use these discussion questions in your small group or family.

1. Tell about an older person in your life who has been a model of faith and love for God. How have you seen their life impact the lives of others and yours?
2. Chapter 2 of God's story opens with God calling Abram to make the sacrifice of leaving a comfortable life: homeland, friends, family and steady income. Describe an experience when God has called you to do something similar. What was required of you to obey his instructions? What were the results?
3. Consider God's interaction with each character in chapter 2 of "The Story." What patterns can you identify? What do these patterns reveal about the character of God?
4. Hagar, the Egyptian maidservant, was treated harshly by Sarah, causing her to flee on two different occasions. What do you learn about God from observing his interactions with her?
5. In Abraham's culture, a name said a lot about someone's character. God makes his relationship with Abram and Sarai official by making a covenant with them and changing their names to Abraham and Sarah. How has your character changed since your relationship with God began?
6. Jacob said to Esau, "For to see your face is like seeing the face of God, now that you have received me favorably." (p. 20) By showing grace to Jacob, Esau demonstrated God's gracious character. To whom do you need to show grace?
7. What do you learn about Abraham and Sarah's faith from Hebrews 11:8-9 (a summary of "The Story," pp. 13-20)?
8. Abraham and Sarah chose to follow God by faith and trust that he would build a nation through them—and he did. What step of faith is God calling you to take now, but you are still waiting or even resisting? What can you do to take a trust-filled step and move forward in this area of your life?

Close in prayer.



## Family's with kids discussion points

Please use these discussion questions with your children.

**Key Verse:** *[God said], "I will give you all of the land that you see. I will give it to you and your children after you forever. I will make your children like the dust of the earth."* Genesis 13:14-16 NIV

1. Have you ever had to move away and go to a new school? If yes, how did it make you feel? If no, do you know any kids at your school or church who are new? What can you do to make them feel welcome?
2. Why is it so hard to move or adjust to new things? What does God do to help you feel better when things change? (Love of family, speaks through His Word, etc.)
3. What are some of the ways God worked in Abraham's life? (Giving him land, children, etc.)
4. What can you learn about waiting for God's plan to come true? Why is it so hard to wait?
5. How do you see God working in your life? (Could be feeling better after being sick, answered prayer, etc.)
6. Have you ever read something in the Bible and thought, "That's impossible!" Is anything impossible for God?
7. How does faith play a role in God's "impossible" plans for our life?
8. The people God chooses sometimes seem like they aren't qualified to do what he asks of them. Why do you think God chooses people who aren't perfect? How does that make you feel?
9. How are we qualified to serve God? (By what Jesus did on the cross to forgive our sins).
10. How can God use you?

Pray together: Dear God, thank you for calling us to faith. Help us to always live for you and listen to your guidance in our lives. Amen.



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