

Isaac to Moses
Finding Light in the Darkness, Session 7
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Last week... Made it to Chapter 22... of Genesis! Left off with Abraham and Sarah! If there is anything we can learn from Abraham, father of our faith, it is this...

“When you feel like all hope of being what God wanted for you is gone – it’s His Word, not your performance – that He is working towards! Just keep moving ahead and please don’t try to help Him fulfill it!”

Last week... Stopped there... misreading the time... Had a very good last minute question! “If Genesis is the story of the beginning... Adam and Eve had Cain and Abel... And Cain married his wife/she conceived! Where did she come from?”

Adam and Eve! Cain married his sister! Before he slew Abel...(?) Common/necessary until Moses gave Israel the law...

The question brought up an important subject... *Must remember that the Bible is not the complete history of modern man! It is the incomplete history of man; followed from Adam to Jesus to last man! It is the history relevant to bringing man to understand our helplessness from the beginning, of our need for God, and to reveal God’s way of salvation to mankind!*

Left off... Isaac is finally born/25 yrs A.P.! **21.1ff** You would think blessing/be enough! Last failure under pressure from Sarah **v9** Won’t step up for step child! **v11** He offers Isaac as a living sacrifice! **22** “God will provide Himself a lamb!” **v8** Final death to the vision... but he believed God... and God became his Jireh! **v14**

Isaac... Isaac accompanies dad up the mountain to offer a sacrifice to the Lord! **22.1** “Dad? We have the fire and the wood but where is the lamb?” **v7** “And Abraham built an altar, laid out the wood, bound his son, and knife in hand raised it to slay him...” **v9-10**

Isaac... Not only did Abraham need to know that Isaac was not the grounds of his confidence that God would do what He said... But Isaac needed to be willing that his dad should bypass him for the sake of the kingdom! *Everyone needs to acknowledge that whatever God asks for, we should do, knowing Him – who knows best!*

Jacob... The usurper! The one who takes the place of another! Doesn’t have to be negative! Didn’t trust the word of God! Gained/pushed his destiny by trickery! Took what wasn’t his and paid and paid!

Final showdown... **32.24** midnight hour... wrestles w/God... comic smackdown! Change your name to one who prevailed! I have seen God and was preserved!

Lessons from the Patriarchs... Abraham: “don’t know where you’re going but know who you have trusted...” **Isaac:** “don’t always understand what God is up to but don’t try to straighten it out!”

Jacob/Israel: “don’t always see the promise progressing but don’t try to speed it up!”

Joseph! Important enough character in the Bible to take up 14 chapters of Genesis! Has a dramatic story to share... Has some very important life lessons to pass on to us! Let’s rehearse his story...

Joseph’s Story...

Joseph teaches us... Wherever you are in life God is already at work for His purposes! “We are His workmanship...” **E2.10** “All things...” **R8.28** “He who began a good work...” **P1.6** “fearfully/wonderfully made...” **P139** Whatever you think it looks like, should be, don’t try and engineer your future! “I know the plans...” “I’ll follow where...” Never judge your life before it’s time! “To our Master we stand or fall...” **R14.4**

Big Lesson: No matter what your past, it is recoverable, and its recovery brings freedom!

Joseph teaches us... People: parents, X’s, kids ,friends, enemies, teachers, leaders, pastors... **Events:** births, graduations, marriage, loss of loved ones, financial blessings-disasters, achievements, crises... **Circumstances:** seasons of life, storms, career changes, ministry assignments...

Nothing is too hard for God, nothing is wasted and... Not everything is as it seems!

[Karate Kid Video Clip]

If you can see God at work in your past, bringing you this far, then there can be nothing but hope that He will continue His work in your future! Thank you Joseph!

Moses... Jesus tells us he was the penman on the Pentateuch; the first five books of the O.T.; the Law! **Lk 24.44 (27)** Moses: “taken out of the water!” Don’t tell the evolutionists! His life is so big split into three parts! Years in the world! Broke with the world! Given over to God’s calling!

Three parts... 40 yrs in the palace of Pharaoh! **Ex 2** Birth to murder; where he learned he was **somebody!** 40 yrs in Midian! **Ex 3** Desert of Midian where he learned he was **nobody!** 40 yrs as deliverer of Israel! **Ch 5 – Dt 34** Exodus to his own exit; where he learned God was **everything!**

Moses... Called by God, on the backside of the desert...

“you see in the calling how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called, but that God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise... that no flesh should glory in His presence” **1C1.26-29**

Caught by God w/burning bush! Curiosity... voice of God... high adventure!

Moses... The excuses begin... “Who am I, that I should go?” **3.11** A: Certainly, I will be with you! **v12** “What will I say when they ask your name? A: I AM has sent me to you! **v14** “They will not believe me...” **4.1** A: The signs I will give thru you... **2-9** “I cannot speak...” **4.10** A: Who has made men’s mouths? **v11-12**

When Moses refuses God’s company and the promise of His inspiration... When Moses instructs God with “send the one whom thou shouldst send” – wait for it – the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses!

Moses... In a face-off w/Pharaoh... 5.1 – 12.51 Water turned blood, frogs, lice, flies, cattle die, boils, hail, locust, darkness... and finally the death of the firstborn of Egypt. The Passover Lamb: “When I see the blood I will pass-over you!” **With his back against the Sea 14** “Fear not and see the salvation of God!” Sea open for Israel/closed for Egyptians! **With the answer for when life gets bitter! 15.23ff** Tree makes it sweet! **With meat at night and manna for the ungrateful** (for 40 years!); **16.4-36 With the answer for when life gets dry! 17.1-7** “Taps” the Rock! **With the answer for when the battles commence! 17.8-16** Hands up/w help! **With the answer for when life overloads! 18** delegation! **With the proof that we cannot make it without a Savior! 20-24** Law/ordinances... given to prove:

None, not one, is righteous... all fall short... they are all gone out of the way... they have not known the way of peace... there is no fear of God in them...the law speaks to those who are under the law that every mouth may be stopped and all the world may be guilty before God...

therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh can be justified in His sight... for by the law is the knowledge of sin! **R3.10-20**

Moses, Asides... *Let God be God!* N12 Miriam and Aaron challenge Moses authority. You aren't so much/God speaks to us too! "Moses was meek..." God steps in to fight his battle! "Why weren't you afraid to speak against My servant Moses?" **v8** "The anger kindled and He left!" **v9** Miriam left behind with leprosy! **v10** Aaron cried out to Moses **v11,12** Moses cried out to God...heal her! **v13** God says no...no healing for seven days! **v14**

Sometimes God is willing to dance, sometimes He's not... don't let your compassion overrun His completion!

Moses, Asides... *Take your own Godly advice!* N20.1-13 On the last march to promise/40 yrs! Same people/still murmuring/nothing new! Moses has had too much! Takes matters into his own hands/uses personal pronoun in place of God... Sets aside God word... Speaks his own words, strikes Rock, twice!

And never enters into the promised land!