

Week Three

Genesis 17:1-14, 23-27; 22:1-19
To Be Blessed is to be Separated and Tested

Day One:

Read Genesis 17:1-14; 23-27

In verses 1-14, what do you think God meant when He said to Abram “walk before me and be blameless?”

Do you have the ability to do that? Why or why not?

What did Abram do when God spoke? Why?

When God speaks to you are you too casual or do you take it seriously?

How were Abraham and his people to keep God’s covenant?

What would happen if the covenant wasn’t kept by someone?

Day Two:

Read Genesis 17:23-27

What was Abraham’s response to God’s direction in verses 1-14?

What is the outcome of the action?

God’s people now have been given a physical mark of identity as being His. What is it about you that allows others to immediately know you are God’s child?

There are 2 important phrases in verses 23-24, “on that very day” and “as God told him.” Abraham was completely obedient to God. Think with me through the process just read in these verses. How do you think Abraham had the ability to be obedient?

What has God asked you to do that, through your obedience to Him, you suffered in some way? (look outside of just a physical pain)

In closing, review the steps you see Abraham walk through to be obedient.

- *God speaks personally to Abraham*
- *Abraham recognizes His authority and falls facedown—a position of fear, reverence and submission*
- *Abraham listens to God—he is being commanded to be separated for God*
- *Abraham is immediately obedient to God's command*

Pray these steps for yourself as you walk with the Lord. Write down your prayer of awareness and obedience below.

Day Three:

Read Genesis 22:1-17

Read this passage for context because we'll stay in the passage for the rest of the week, but for today we'll concentrate on verses 1-5.

In the verse 1, what happens when God speaks? In what way is your relationship with the Lord like Abraham's?

If you recognize that you don't know when God speaks, what will you do to begin to know His voice? If you do know when He speaks how can you share some thoughts with others who are seeking?

What did Abraham do after hearing God's request?

What does worship mean to you?

When God has asked you to take something you love dearly and give it back to Him—possibly never to see again—how have you done so in a worshipful way?

Why do you think Abraham could be obedient to God by giving up his child and see it as an event to worship God?

Day Four:

Read Genesis 22:6-10

What do you think Abraham and Isaac were thinking during this time?

What phrase is repeated in these verses? What does this mean to you?

Compare Isaac and Abraham's reaction and response to the circumstance before them.

In your current circumstances, are you an Isaac or an Abraham? Which would you like to be?

Do you believe Isaac was willingly obedient to his father? Why or why not?

Day Five:

Read Genesis 22:11-19

Compare Genesis 22:11 with verse 1. How important is it to know the voice of God?

Think with me about knowing God's voice in this situation. Why was it important in Genesis 22:1 to hear God's voice? And why, in verse 11, was it important to hear the angel of the Lord?

It's important for us to see the necessity to listen for God's voice *throughout* our obedience to Him—He may make changes that we need to hear. What are ways that help you continually look for God's voice and how does He speak to you?