

Old Testament Bible Journey Questions

Genesis 18-19, 21-22, 24



Genesis 18

1. Did Sarah have a good reason to doubt the promise of God that she would have a child? What does her reaction reveal about her relationship with God?
2. How does God's conversation with Abraham about Sodom and Gomorrah reflect His justice and mercy?

Genesis 19

1. What do we learn about Lot's faith and character from his actions in Sodom?
2. How does God's rescue of Lot demonstrate His mercy even in judgment?

Genesis 21

1. In verses 6-7, Sarah talks a lot about laughter. How does this contrast with her laughing in chapter 18?
2. God seems to approve of Sarah's choice to send Hager and Ishmael away. How does God both ensure His promise to Isaac as the covenant holder and care for Hager and Ishmael?

Genesis 22

Note: Read this story remembering that Abraham and Isaac had no idea how the story would end. We are reading looking back, which removes some of the tension. Abraham and Isaac were living in the moment.

1. Verse 1 tells us that God is testing Abraham. What about Abraham is God seeking to test? See verse 12, 15-18 for some insight.
2. How does Abraham's statement in verse 8, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering..." connect with verse 14, "So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide""?

Genesis 24

1. This whole story is grounded in faith. Take note of how each person demonstrates trust in God as the story unfolds.
2. In verses 10-21, Abraham's servant prays and almost immediately God answers his prayer. What do you learn about God from this experience?

Weekend Questions

1. What did you discover about God?
2. What is one application for your life from this week's readings?