

Genesis to Revelation: The Greatest Story
Life Group Notes Week Beginning 19th May 2019

RECAP:

In the beginning God created everything good. However, Adam and Eve willingly rebelled against God and from that point on every human being has been born with a rebellious heart towards God

We then looked at Noah and saw how faith in God alone to rescue is they only way. God rescued Noah because he trusted him, and he will rescue us also through the same faith in God alone to rescue

This week we turn to Abraham...

Q. Can you recollect a time when God has provided for you?

Read Genesis 22:1-19

The key verse in this passage is verse 8, "God himself will provide.."

Q. What does God provide in this story?

Prior to this story in Chapter 12, we read of Abraham and his wife being called to go to a new place...

Q. How easy do we find it to be obedient and trust the Lord when he leads us into something "new"?

God promised to Abraham that through his descendants he would raise up a nation from whom a rescuer would come.

Q. What was the trouble with this promise as far as Abraham and Sarah were concerned? (see Gen 15:2+3)

God was faithful to his promise and blessed them with a son, Isaac.

Q. Can you recall a time when the Lord showed his faithfulness to you?

Q. In chapter 22 God tests Abraham by asking him to sacrifice his son Isaac – how might this test impact Abraham's faith? How do tests impact our faith and trust in God?

Q. How does Abraham respond to this, almost unbearable, test? (see v3)

Read Hebrews 11:17-19

Q. What do these verses tell us about Abraham's faith?

Read Gen 22:8 again – this shows us where Abraham's faith rested.

Q. How do you think this event from Abraham's life points forward to the ultimate rescuer, the Lord Jesus Christ?

Q. God provided a ram as a substitute in the place of Isaac – In what way does Jesus act as our substitute?

This event from the life of Abraham and Isaac pictures in a small way the glorious truth of the gospel – God has provided (Gen 22:8) a substitute to take the punishment we deserve that we may receive what we do not deserve – forgiveness.

Read Romans 4:18-25

Q. What do verses 21-24 speak of?

In conclusion: Abraham's faith, that God would raise up a nation from whom would come the rescuer, saw him declared right with God.

Pray and give thanks that God has provided for our biggest need – rescue from sin.

Praise God that He has provided a substitute to take the punishment we deserve that we may receive salvation.

Bless you all! Have a great week. Paul 😊