

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Called & Chosen: Abraham - Genesis 21:22-34 - "God's People Live Differently"

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Genesis 21:22-34 reveal how Abraham had a reputation of having God with Him in all that He does.
As you think about people in your life, can you think of any specific people that you would say have exemplified this?
What specifically about these people (attitudes, actions, words, etc.) has led you to this conclusion?
**As you consider this, remember that Abraham had this reputation without being "perfect" - keep that in mind with all others too!*
3. How does Abraham clearly demonstrate a standing upon the truth and a striving for peace with others in this specific instance?
Do you find it difficult to stay committed to the truth while also being peaceable toward others (i.e. not antagonistic)?
Why do you think it can be challenging in this life to stand on the truth AND live at peace (as it concerns you) with others?
Have you ever had to make sacrifices (big or small) in order to maintain peace with others?
What have been the situations and what were the results in those relationships in the end?
4. In the aftermath of this treaty with Abimelech, Abraham responds, with establishing a place for the worship God at Beersheba.
How do his actions reflect a heart for the Lord and a life built upon the faithfulness of God (even if its not perfectly consistent).
How can we be encouraged by Abraham's boldness and prioritization of the worship of God in His life?
In light of this entire passage - Abraham is clearly not ashamed to associate with His God publicly.
Do you ever struggle with associating with the Lord when around unbelievers?
If so, how is the Holy Spirit empowering you to boldly live for Christ in your life (*Consider Luke 9:26 & Acts 1:8*)
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon.
Take some time to prayerfully consider each of these points and the questions that follow?
If the Holy Spirit convicts you, confess those things to the Lord and pray for the strength to change for God's glory.
 1. **Others knew that God was with Abraham!**
Do I live so others know that God is with me?
AND: Does my life accurately represent God?
 2. **Abraham is both truthful & peaceable here!**
Do I live out the truth & pursue peace with all?
AND: Will I make sacrifices to maintain peace?
 3. **Abraham prioritizes worshipping publicly!**
Do I live with the worship of God as a priority?
AND: Do I openly and publicly live for Jesus?