

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

### Called & Chosen: Abraham - Genesis 22:20-23:20 - "Living with the Future In Mind"

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. Abraham mourns Sarah's death (at 127 years old), what does this reveal about Abraham's heart for her (despite his shortcomings)?  
What does this reveal about humanity & our ability (or inability) to be able to cope with the death of a loved one?  
Have you ever struggled to grieve or mourn in a situation like this because of the command to rejoice always?  
How do we reconcile those seemingly competing emotions/actions in our lives as believers? (*Consider 1 Thess. 4:13*).
3. How do Abraham's actions in Genesis 23 reveal a man living for the long-term and not just for this day and place?  
How does his purchase of a piece of property in the Promised Land indicate a sure faith in the promises of God?  
Why was it important for him to purchase this land instead of just receiving it directly from the Hittites as offered?  
What would have been the potential long-term impact if he had simply accepted their offer?  
How could it have been problematic for Abraham's descendants? (the Promised Land was provided for them by God)
4. How do Abraham's actions in this account continue to reveal his growth in his trust in the Lord?  
What characteristics are on display in Abraham that demonstrate his transformational relationship with the Lord?  
How does a close relationship with God lead to greater personal humility and yet more confidence in life?  
What is the object and source of this confidence & why does it also have a humbling effect on us?
5. How does this portion of the narrative of Abraham's life inspire or challenge you in your life?  
Do you sense the Holy Spirit is directing you in any specific way toward greater transformation in Him through this account?  
If so, prayerfully consider what tangible steps you can take in His strength in light of this conviction!
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
  1. **Abraham mourns/weeps over Sarah's death.**  
*The faithful grieve, but not without hope!*
  2. **Abraham approaches others with humility.**  
*Walking with God leads to humility in all things!*
  3. **Abraham lives for more than just this life.**  
*Keep eternity front of mind while living this life*
  4. **Abraham's actions show that He trusts God.**  
*Trust in the God who fulfills all of His promises!*