

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
Called & Chosen: Abraham - Genesis 25:1-34 - "God's Covenant Continues"

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 25 records the death of Abraham (at 175 years old).

Since the end of Genesis 11, Abraham has been a central character in this narrative so far.

What has stood out to you about what the book of Genesis has revealed about his life?

Has anything specific encouraged or challenged you in your faith in looking at what God's Word says about Abraham?

How do the rest of the Scriptures shape our understanding of Abraham beyond just what's revealed in Genesis?

Why is the Abrahamic Covenant so important in all of human history; particularly for the hope of salvation?

How do God's promises in the Covenant come to be, and how does Gen. 25 show the fulfillment some of them?

3. What do you notice about Isaac's fervency in prayer in this chapter?

As you consider how long he waited for the answer to his prayers, how does that encourage or discourage you to pray?

Why should it be an encouragement for us to persist in prayer and not give up?

Why might that long period of waiting potentially lead to discouragement?

Are you currently praying for something that you've been lifting up in prayer for a long time?

How does this passage motivate you to keep praying?

Does it challenge you to consider how you're praying (and if the answer you're hoping for may or may not be God's will)?

What difference does praying in accordance with God's will make in how we look for & wait for His answers to us?

If you're struggling to persist in prayer, I'd encourage you to CHOOSE to press on and keep praying.

Pray like Jesus: for God's will to be done and for patience to wait/trust when His answer isn't clear or immediate.

4. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?

God's faithfulness to Abraham continues on!

God's plans aren't bound by human limitations!

In hardship, perspective determines responses!

We see two different responses in hard times:

1. Isaac prays to the LORD for Rebekah's womb.

We can choose to fervently seek The LORD too!

2. Esau sells his birthright to Jacob for a meal!

We can reject The LORD in pursuit of the world

Desperation drives us toward God OR we let it lead us away from & reject God!

*****Our perspective determines how we respond! (Eternal or temporal)***