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GIANTS OF GENESIS

Over the coming couple of months we are going to look at four key figures (giants) in the book of Genesis: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. As we read we will see the unfolding of God's big story (metanarrative) for the world, through the telling of a number of smaller stories that describe the formation firstly of a family and then of a nation.

We don't get an airbrushed version of their lives, or their families for that matter . . . we get the lot: deceit, pride, greed, adultery . . . (the list could go on!) We also get to see what God can do through each of these people, despite the messes, muddles and mistakes, as they hear and respond

Abraham & Isaac | Genesis 11:27 – 25:18

We see in the life of Abraham God's story of **CREATION** continuing, but now more rooted in human experience - life and death, birth and marriage, family and community, economic and political realities etc. Linked with this, and God's plans and purposes for the world, **PROMISE** emerges as another major theme - Abraham is promised a son, land, a nation, a name, descendants and blessing. At the beginning and the end of the section we see how important Abraham's **FAITHFULNESS** is, we see how the shape of the future is determined not simply by the one who speaks the promise, but by Abraham's response to it.

Day	Passage	Journal
One	11:27 - 12:9 The Call of Abram	
Two	12:10-20 Abram and Sarai in Egypt	
Three	13:1-18 Abram and Lot	
four	14:1-24 Abram and Melchizedek	
Five	15:1-21 The Covenant with Abram	
Six	16:1-16 Hagar and Sarai	
Seven	17:1-27 Covenant and Circumcision	
Eight	18:1-15 God Visits Abraham and Sarah	
Nine	Abraham, Lot and Sodom Part 1: 18:16-33 Abraham's Intercession	
Ten	Part 2: 19:1-38 Sodom and Gomorrah	
Eleven	20:1-18 Abraham, Sarah and Abimelech	
Twelve	Isaac, Ishmael and Abimelech Part 1: 21:1-7 The Birth of Isaac	

Day	Passage	Journal
Thirteen	Part 2: 21:8-21 Hagar and Ishmael	
Fourteen	Part 3: 21:22-34 Abraham and Abimelech	
Fifteen	22:1-19 The Testing of Abraham	
Sixteen	22:20-24 Rebekah's Family	
Seventeen	23:1-20 Abraham Buys Land in Canaan	
Eighteen	24:1-67 The Wooing of Rebekah	
Nineteen	25:1-18 The Death of Abraham and the Family of Ishmael	

Jacob | Genesis 25:19 – 36:43

We see in these chapters how God's divine promise, blessing and presence are revealed to a family as they become part of God's purpose for the world, despite all their fractured relationships and flaws.

Day	Passage	Journal
Twenty	25:19-34 Jacob and Esau	
Twenty- One	26:1-33 Stories About Isaac	
Twenty- Two	26:34-28:9 Jacob, Esau and the Blessing	
Twenty- Three	28:10-22 Jacob's Dream at Bethel	
Twenty- Four	29:1-31:55 The Birth of Jacob's Children	
Twenty- Five	32:1-21 Jacob Prepared to meet Esau	

Day	Passage	Journal
Twenty-Six	32:22-32 Jacob Wrestling with God	
Twenty-Seven	33:1-17 Jacob's Meeting with Esau	
Twenty-Eight	33:18 - 34:31 Dinah	
Twenty-Nine	35:1-29 The Journeys of Jacob	
Thirty	36:1-43 The Future of Esau	

Joseph | Genesis 37:1 - 50:26

There are a couple of major transitions to look out for in this section: how a family become a nation (both Jacob and Esau), and how the people ended up in Egypt which leads into the book of Exodus. There is also some amazing insight into life and leadership that can be seen in Joseph's rollercoaster journey

Day	Passage	Journal
Thirty-One	37:1-36 Joseph and His Brothers	
Thirty-Two	38:1-30 Tamar and Judah	
Thirty-Three	39:1-23 Joseph, God and Success	
Thirty-Four	40:1-23 Joseph, Interpreter of Dreams	
Thirty-Five	41:1-57 Joseph's Elevation to Power	
Thirty-Six	42:1-38 Joseph Meets His Brothers	
Thirty-Seven	43:1-34 The Second Journey to Egypt	

Day	Passage	Journal
Thirty-Eight	44:1-34 Joseph's Final Test	
Thirty-Nine	45:1-28 Joseph makes himself known	
Forty	46:1-47:26 The Descent into Egypt	
Forty-One	The Emergence of unified Israel Part 1: 47:27 - 48:22 Joseph and His Sons	
Forty-Two	Part 2: 49:1-33 The Last Words of Jacob	
Forty-Three	Part 3 50:1-14 The Burial of Jacob	
Forty-Four	Part 4: 50:15-21 The Full Reconciliation of Israel's Sons	
Forty-Five	Part 5: 50:22-26 The Promise Transmitted	

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