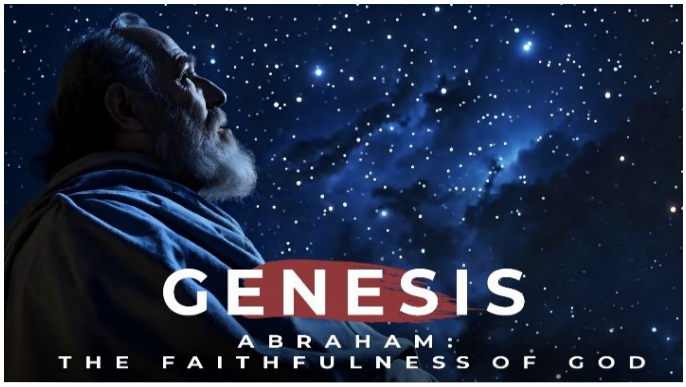


ABRAHAM: THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

"Celebration, Conflict, & Commitment"

Genesis 21

November 15, 2026

Truths for Transformation

1) **The <u>Celebration</u> & Culmination** Vs 1-7
   Genesis 12:2; 15:4-6; 18:10-11; Hebrews 11:11-12; Romans 4:18-22; Titus 1:1-3

2) **The Conflict, <u>Contempt</u>, & Charge** Vs 8-10

3) **The Consequences, Covenant, & Compassion** Vs 12-21

4) **The <u>Change</u> & the Commitment** Vs 22-34

Takeaways for Today

1) **We must choose to <u>trust</u> & <u>patiently</u> <u>wait</u> even when the Lord seems slow to answer our prayers.** Lamentations 3:24-26; 1 Peter 5:6-7

2) **We must be reminded there are consequences for our sinful choices, but the Lord will walk us through them.** Jeremiah 5:25; Hebrews 12:4-11

3) **We must remember that the Lord is always faithful to fulfill His promises, regardless of our failures or faithfulness.** Lamentations 3:19-23; 2 Timothy 2:13

4) **We must be thankful that the Lord's <u>grace</u> and <u>mercy</u> reach us even in the wilderness seasons of life.** Nehemiah 9:19-21; Psalm 107:4-9; Isaiah 49:14-16;

5) **We must pursue genuine <u>transformation</u> that is clearly evident to those around us.** Psalm 1:1-6; Matthew 5;16; Titus 2:7-8

6) **We must choose to be <u>peacemakers</u> rather than troublemakers in the midst of conflict.** Proverbs 17:14,19; 20:3; Romans 12:18; Hebrews 12:14-15; Matthew 5:9

Response Questions

1) What does the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham & Sarah teach us about His faithfulness, even when His timing is different from ours? Why do we sometimes interpret God's delays as His denial or indifference?
2) Sarah once laughed in disbelief, but now she laughs with joy. What does this transformation teach us about God's ability to turn doubt and disappointment into celebration?
3) How can unresolved issues from previous sinful decisions continue to affect our relationships years later? What are some practical ways we can guard against allowing bitterness, jealousy, or resentment to take root in our hearts?
4) How does God's treatment of Hagar and Ishmael demonstrate that His compassion extends beyond the people we might expect? What does the Lord's response to Ishmael's cries teach us about His awareness of our suffering and needs?
5) What changes in Abraham's life might have caused Abimelech to recognize that God was with him? If someone examined our attitudes, decisions, relationships, and priorities, what evidence would they find that God is at work in our lives?
6) What does Abraham's willingness to address the dispute over the well teach us about resolving conflict rather than allowing resentment to grow?