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GENESIS

FATHERS, CHAPTERS 12-35

“An Ordinary Man” (Genesis 26, pew Bible page 20)

We want the Patriarchs of our faith to be larger than life. Isaac isn't. Though he lived longer (to 180) than either his father Abraham or his son Jacob, we have less of his life recorded than either of those men.

In his unspectacular life, he took no great journeys, fought no great battles, prayed no great prayers, and achieved no great milestones.

Of him, Bible teacher John MacArthur said, “He was an ordinary son of an extraordinary father, who became the ordinary father of an extraordinary son.”

But...

I. He Knew Faithfulness. (vv. 1-5)

God's Faithfulness: His determined, dependable resolve to act at all times consistently with His character and His intentions

A. God's restrictive command

B. God's repeated covenant

II. He Knew Failure. (vv. 6-11)

We cannot say that he learned this from his father, but he sure went to the same shameful playbook as Abraham had with Pharoah (Genesis 12) and an earlier Abimelech (Genesis 20).

III. He Knew Frustration. (vv. 12-22)

IV. He Knew Fear. (vv. 7, 24 and perhaps 27)

V. He Knew Feasting. (v. 12, vv. 23-33)

VI. He Knew Family. (vv. 34-35)

And in all of his ordinariness, he knew God. (v. 25, and Hebrews 11:20)