

“THE WALK OF FAITH”

“THE PROMISE OF GOD AND THE PATH OF THE PATRIARCHS”

Part 2 of the Book of Genesis (Chapters 12-50)

PART 46

“LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON”

“The Privileges and the Perils on the Path of Generation Next”

(Genesis 26:1-35)

INTRODUCTION:

THE LARGER THEME: THE PATRIARCHS AND THE PROMISE:

1. This period covers approximately 2165 B.C. to 1875 B.C. It presents the narrative of God’s **promise** (Abrahamic Covenant) and the **testing** of the people to whom it is given. The faith of the Patriarchs is put to the _____ while the promise of God is placed at _____ – sometimes by life’s _____, and sometimes by our _____.
2. Two other themes emerge, subordinate to the primary theme but just as significant in the unfolding metanarrative of the **promise** of God, namely, the _____ of God to _____ and the _____ of God to _____.

THE PATH AND PRINCIPLES OF THE LIFE OF FAITH:

We have learned from our previous study in Genesis of the life of Abraham that...

1. ...the pilgrim life is **problematic**. For _____ are not _____ and **faith** is always _____.
2. ...the pilgrim life is a **paradox**. For we are, at one and the same time, the most _____ people here and to be the least _____.
3. Consequently, the life of faith is one of _____, trusting God completely in spite of _____ and in the face of _____.
4. Even _____ can be _____.

THIS STORY—THE ONLY STORY ON THE LIFE OF ISAAC, IS CENTERED AROUND THE LACK OF, SEARCH FOR, & BATTLE OVER _____.

AND AS IT UNFOLDS, IT MOVES THROUGH THREE _____ AND INVOLVES THREE _____.

1A. ISAAC DISPLAYS A _____ AND _____ FAITH IN _____ OF THE OF GOD: (GENESIS 26:1-11)

1B. He _____ His Father's _____. (26:1)

2B. He _____ His Father's _____. (26:2-5)

- God knows where you _____, where you _____, and where you _____.

3B. He _____ His Father's _____ (v. 6-11)

2A. ISAAC DISPLAYS A _____ AND _____ FAITH IN _____ OF THE OF GOD: (GENESIS 26:12-22)

1B. In Gerar, Isaac experienced growing _____. (v. 12-16)

2B. In the Valley of Gerar, Isaac experienced growing _____. (v. 17-22)

3B. In both places, Isaac experience growing _____.

3A. ISAAC DISPLAYS A _____ AND _____ FAITH IN _____ OF THE OF GOD: (GENESIS 26:23-33)

*"So he built **an altar** there and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched **his tent** there; and there Isaac's servants dug **a well**."*

CONCLUSION: