

Heroes – Isaac

Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. NKJV

- Faith strips off every weight
- Faith says no to sin
- Faith runs with endurance
- Faith focuses on Jesus
- Faith brings us to a place of honor
- Faith is the Power to live the Kingdom Life

The Bible is full of examples of how to live the life of faith that pleases God

Life can be hard but people of faith have their focus on things beyond this world – Supernatural

When we live a life of faith the things in this life become dim and the things of heaven become our primary concern
“Your Kingdom come Your will be done”

Genesis 17:19

19 Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him. NKJV

- Isaac – Laughter – both Sara and Abraham laughed
- God wants us to remember His promises

1 Timothy 1:18-19

18 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, 19 having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck. NKJV

- NLT – Prophetic Word
- There is a Prophetic word – Tests your faith
- There is a literal word – Tests your Character

Genesis 24:2-4 Abraham is old advanced in age

2 So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh, 3 and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell; 4 but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac." NKJV

- Am I living as one who was called out?
- Am I passing that on?
- You are a new creation
- His promises are Yes and Amen

Genesis 24:5-7 NKJV

5 And the servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I take your son back to the land from which you came?"

6 But Abraham said to him, "Beware that you do not take my son back there. 7 The LORD God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my family, and who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land,' He will send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there.

- Abraham remembered where God took him from
 - Don't go back there
 - He remembered where God was taking him
- Prophetic Journey

Genesis 24:42-44

42 "And this day I came to the well and said, 'O LORD God of my master Abraham, if You will now prosper the way in which I go, 43 behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass that when the virgin comes out to draw water, and I say to her, "Please give me a little water from your pitcher to drink," 44 and she says to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also," — let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.' NKJV

Abraham Dies, Esau sells Jacob his birthright and there is a famine in the land – Isaac moves to Gerar

Genesis 26:17-18

17 Then Isaac departed from there and pitched his tent in the Valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. 18 And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham. He called them by the names which his father had called them. NKJV

- Our children follow us – traditions are important
- What are we teaching them?
- Religion or relationship?
- Do what I do not just what I say

Genesis 26:19

19 His shepherds also dug a new well in Gerar Valley, and found a **gushing** underground **spring**. TLB

- Gerar – to bring up the cud, to ruminate
- Am I meditating on the word of God?
- All my springs – **Psalm 87:7**

Psalm 36:9

9 For with You is the fountain of life. NKJV

John 7:38

38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." NKJV

- One of the signs of believing is living water
- Do you need living water tonight
- Just a drink?
- Is my life fresh and running over or bitter and dried up?

James 3:10-12

10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? 12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh. NKJV

- My life is the sum of the things I have received, believed and spoken
- What have I been producing?
- Let the water wash you – Ephesians 5:26,27

John 4:5-26

5 So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." 8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. 9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. 10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? 12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." 15 The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband. "Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." 19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in **spirit and truth**; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." NKJV

- Truth came through Jesus – **John 1:17**
- Can I be honest with myself and Him?

Married to another

Romans 7:1-4

1 Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? 2 For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, **she is released from the law** of her husband. 3 So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but **if her husband dies, she is free from that law**, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. 4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, **that you may be married to another** — to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. NKJV

Genesis 26:20-22

20 Then the local shepherds came and claimed it. "This is our land and our well," they said, and argued over it with Isaac's herdsmen. So he named the well, **"The Well of Argument!"** 21 Isaac's men then dug another well, but again there was a **fight** over it. So he called it, "The Well of **Anger**." 22 Abandoning that one, he dug again, and the local residents finally left him alone. So he called it, "The Well of **Room Enough** for Us at Last!" "For now at last," he said, "the Lord has made room for us and we shall thrive." TLB

- The enemy will try to steal your well
- There may be “Arguments”
- There may be “Opposition”
- Jesus has made “Room Enough” for you to “Thrive”

Hebrews 10:22-23

22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. NKJV

- Am I drawing near?
- Is the Spirit washing me?
- Regenerating me?
- You are forgiven
- Your past is gone
- Start living in and for the Kingdom!

Genesis 26:23-25

23 Then he went up from there to Beersheba. 24 And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham's sake." 25 So he built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD, and he pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants dug a well. NKJV

- God is a God of promise
- God is a God of generations
- He will reveal Himself to you
- Will I dig in and worship?

Genesis 26:28-29

28 But they said, "We have certainly seen that the LORD is with you. So we said, 'Let there now be an oath between us, between you and us; and let us make a **covenant** with you, 29 that you will do us no harm, since we have not touched you, and since we have done nothing to you but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the LORD.'" NKJV

- Can others plainly see that God is with me?
- Is my life marked by Christ?
- Is my life filled with peace?
- Is my life full of blessing?
- The blessings of the Lord are "In Him"
 - 2 Corinthians 1:20
- We have a covenant

Philippians 3:12-14

12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. NKJV

- What am I being spent on?
- This world is not our home
- Am I digging deep into the promises of God?
- Am I making a difference for the Kingdom?
- Am I pressing forward and upward?