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REVIEW – Abraham -Bible timeline
 God calls Abraham out of polytheistic culture

Abraham elderly, wife is barren

God promises Abraham descendants, land, God’s presence & future kings from his line.

Abraham believes God’s promise – his **faith** is reckoned to him as righteousness.

Abraham 2

TODAY’S LESSON - *Resurrection Faith*

READ - Genesis 22:1-14

Observe: before interpreting/applying, take time to simply make observations, like a child exclaiming with wonder, or a detective pointing out clues, or a scientist listing data, or a lover appreciating their beloved. What do you observe? Always observe: Who, What, Where, When. Notice repeated things, what are key words, what prompts a question in your mind?

Interpret: compare, contrast, connect, context, outline, headline, underline, dig

Write a headline summary for this Bible story: “ _____ ”

Why does God “test” our faith in him?

How is “resurrection faith” displayed by Abraham in this story? See Genesis 22:5 and Hebrews 11:17-19 for help with this.

What is the significance of Mount Moriah being the sacrificial spot for Isaac? (See Dr. Kaminski’s words on page 52 in Casket Empty book and also (see 2 Chronicles 3:1) see also Hebrews 10:10

Some people (including Richard Dawkins, atheist) point to this story as proof that “belief in God leads to bloody, brutal, abusive practices “in the name of God”. How would you respond to this charge?

In Genesis 12 and 15 Abraham’s faith (simple belief in God’s promises) is reckoned as righteousness. But now in Genesis 22 God asks Abraham to do something as part of his relationship of trust (faith) in God. How does Abraham’s action (works) reveal his faith in God? What is the link between faith and action here? See James 2:21-24

Apply: Truth to be glad of, error to avoid, example to follow, mystery to ponder

What feelings/responses does the threat of loss usually cause in you?
Has God ever told you to sacrifice something you loved for His sake? What did you do, what did you learn?

Compare Abraham’s faith and action here with Jesus’ faith and action in the Garden of Gethsemane?

Abraham Genesis 22:	Jesus - Mark 14:36
	Abba Father
	All things are possible with you
	Take this cup away from me
	Not my will, but thy will be done.

