

Let's Talk: Day 8-Whole Bible

Today's Reading: Genesis 19-20 & Job 12-13 / Family Chapter: Job 13

It's been a while since we read from Job. He is in the middle of his trial and his "best friends" are accusing him of unconfessed sin. Even heroes of the Bible had friends that let them down. Share a time when a friend thought something of you that was untrue.

Questions:

1. When his friends hurt his feelings and wrongly accused him, who did Job say he wanted to talk to? Do you go to God when you are hurting?
2. How did Job share how he was feeling to his friends? What advice did he give to his friends on how they could help him the best?
3. What does Job ask of God in verse 23? Have you ever asked God that question? Why would it be a good question to ask?
4. Do you have a friend that might be hurting like Job? What could you do for him or her? What do you need to be careful to not do?

Let's Talk: Day 9

Today's Reading: Genesis 21-23 & Job 14-15 / Family Chapter: Genesis 22

Ask everyone in your family what they think the word "offering" means. Then go to <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/offering> and read the definition. What big offering was Abraham asked to make in Genesis 22?

Questions:

1. How long did it take for Abraham to begin to obey God's instructions? How quick are you to obey instructions that are difficult?

2. How many days did they travel before they found the spot? Who did Abraham take to the offering in the land of Moriah?
3. Who came to talk to Abraham about his offering?
4. What do you think Abraham was thinking when he was asked by God to offer his son (remember that he had been waiting for a LONG time for this son and God had promised to make many nations from him)? What do you think Isaac was thinking when he realized he was going to be the sacrifice? Do you think he could have overpowered his dad if he had tried?

Let's Talk: Day 10

Today's Reading: Genesis 24 & Job 16-17 / Family Chapter: Genesis 24

Prepare a pitcher of a beverage of your choice, and then pour drinks for everyone in the family. Today you will read about Rebekah and her serving spirit.

Questions:

1. How did the servant ask God to show him who should be Isaac's wife? Have you ever talked to God like that? Can we?
2. What is the name of Rebekah's dad? How is he related to Abraham?
3. Have you ever served someone whom you didn't know? Explain what you did and why you did it? What can you do to serve others?
4. How long did the servant give Rebekah to get ready to leave her family forever? What do you think she was thinking that last night at home? Could you obey God that quickly and radically?

Let's Talk: Day 11

Today's Reading: Genesis 25-26 & Job 18-19 / Family Chapter: Genesis 25

Today's chapter shows the major branches from which Abraham's descendants originate. Many of those names sound strange to our ears. What is the funniest name in the chapter? What's your favorite name? If you had a baby what would you name him/her?

Questions:

1. How old was Isaac when he married Rebekah? How old was he when his babies were born? How many years did he pray before he had children?
2. How many babies did Rebekah have? What were their names? What do their names mean?
3. Why did Esau give up his birthright for food? Did he make a good decision? Why or why not?
4. Before Jacob was born what was prophesied about him? Did he allow God to fulfill this prophecy in him or did he try to make it come true for himself? Have you ever manipulated situations rather than let God work it out? If so, how?

Let's Talk: Day 12

Today's Reading: Genesis 27-28 & Job 20 / Family Chapter: Genesis 27

Check out the funny Star Wars version of Jacob and Esau at this link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4SyrQ_alss. The Bible tells us Esau is hairy, but who would have ever imagined he was a Wookiee?!

Questions:

1. Who did Isaac ask to make him food with the promise of blessing him at the end of the meal?
2. What did Jacob do to "trick" his father into giving him the blessing instead of Esau?
3. Why did Jacob steal both Esau's birthright and his blessing? What is the difference between the birthright and blessing?
4. Do you think the advice Rebekah gave Jacob was right? Why or why not? Can parents ever make mistakes?

Let's Talk: Day 13

Today's Reading: Genesis 29-30 & Job 21 / Family Chapter: Genesis 29

This week we are continuing to talk about the "founding families" of the Bible. Make a family tree of all of your relatives. List all of your siblings, parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. How far back can you go?

Questions:

1. Who did Jacob want to marry? Who did Jacob end up marrying?
2. How long did Jacob have to work for Laban for his first wife? How long for his second wife?
3. Would you have trusted a person like Laban? Why or why not?
4. Jacob left his home because he tricked his brother. There is a phrase "what goes around comes around." How is what Laban did to Jacob similar to what Jacob did to Esau?

Let's Talk: Day 14

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: What do the three branches in the butler's dream represent? Genesis 40

We've read several stories about families in Genesis this week.

Interview some of your immediate and/or extended family members and ask them to tell you some stories from their childhood. Did they ever move like Abraham did? Did they have sibling rivalry like Jacob and Esau? How did your parents meet?