

GENESIS 11-24

# ROAD TRIP

A JOURNEY OF FAITH

Obedience on Our Journey

Genesis 17

❖ Obedience is motivated by a personal relationship with God. Genesis 17:1

*Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; Walk before Me, and be blameless.*

God Almighty: El Shaddai, related to sadu which means breast or mountain.

# Genesis 28:3

“May **God Almighty** bless you and make **you fruitful** and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples.

*Walk blamelessly* = complete, whole,  
integrity, healthful

Colossians 1;28, 29

28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man **complete** in Christ.

29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

## I John 5:3-5

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and **His commandments are not burdensome.** For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. **Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

❖ Obedience gives evidence of a covenant relationship with God.

Genesis 17:2-4

*“I will establish My covenant between Me and you And I will multiply you exceedingly.” Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying, “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you will be the father of a multitude of nations.”*

# I Corinthians 11:23-25

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the **new covenant in My blood**; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

❖ Obedience reflects my new identity in Christ. Genesis 17:5-8

*“No longer shall your name be called Abram, But your name shall be Abraham; For I will make you the father of a multitude of nations*

❖ Obedience reflects my new identity in Christ.

*Abram* = “exalted father,” looking to his past with his father Terah.

*Abraham* = “father of a multitude,” looking to his future purpose with God.

## II Corinthians 5:14-17

14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and He died for all, **so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him** who died and rose again on their behalf.

16 **Therefore** from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.

17 **Therefore** if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

# Obedience can be very difficult: Genesis 17:9-18

God said further to Abraham, “**Now as for you**, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. Vs. 9

## ❖ Obedience can be very difficult:

- I am tired of waiting for God to work.

Age 75 Promise of son is made.

Age 100 Promise of son is fulfilled.

## ❖ Obedience can be very difficult:

- I may be ridiculed for obeying His commands.

*“Abraham=father of a multitude?”*

## ❖ Obedience can be very difficult:

- I may think it is impossible, too hard, to obey Him.

*Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, “Will a child be born to a man one hundred years old? vs. 17*

## ❖ Obedience can be very difficult:

- I may resort to my own strength or rationalizations to not obey.

*And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before You!” vs. 18*

❖ Obedience is my commitment to a pure life and constant trust in God's will for my life. Genesis 17:21-27

*“But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year...Abraham...circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the very same day, as God had said to him. Vs. 21, 23*

Circumcision= sign of purity, separation from sin, loyalty to God.

Colossians 2:10-12

...and in Him you have been **made complete**, and He is the head over all rule and authority; and in Him **you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ**; having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

# I Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

# I Corinthians 11:27-30

Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.