

# Israel's Patriarch

## A Study in Genesis 12-24

The Lord, the Everlasting God  
Genesis 21:22-34  
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Abraham...called there on the name of the Lord, the Everlasting God. **-Genesis 21:33**

### I. GOD IS WITH ABRAHAM AND ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES (Vs. 22)

- Abimelech knows God is with Abraham in all that he does (Vs. 22; 20:3, 6-7; 21:2).
- God is always faithful to his promises to Abraham and to those in Christ (Genesis 12:1-3; 2 Corinthians 1:20).
- God was always with Abraham in all that he did and God is always with those of us in Christ in all that we do (Hebrews 13:5, 12:5-11).
- Abraham's life and our lives are a mixture of faithfulness and unfaithfulness.
- Trusting God is with us and that he always keeps his promises will motivate us to be faithful to God (Titus 2:11-14; 2 Corinthians 3:18).

### II. ABIMELECH AND ABRAHAM ENTER A COVENANT (Vss. 23-32)

- Abimelech has been kind to Abraham (Vs. 23).
- God is witness to this covenant (Vss. 23-24).
- Abraham acts wisely to avoid problems before swearing (Vss. 25-26).
- Seven ewe lambs witness this covenant (Vss. 27-30).
- God always keeps his covenant promises. People do not always keep theirs.
- Abraham and Abimelech swear on an oath. (Vss. 31-32).

### III. ABRAHAM CALLS ON THE LORD, THE EVERLASTING GOD (Vss. 33-34)

- The LORD is always with his people (Hebrews 13:5).

- The Everlasting LORD always keeps his everlasting promises (Hebrews 6:13-20).
- We must daily remember the LORD, the Everlasting God (Psalm 90:14).
- Remembering God's faithfulness will lead to our being faithful to God (Romans 12:1; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

**KNOW:** God is always with his people and he always keeps his promises.

**DO:** Daily call upon the LORD in utter dependence. Daily praise and thank the LORD that he is with those in Christ. Daily praise and thank the LORD for his everlasting promises and trust in them.

### Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

#### Please Read Genesis 21:22-34

1. If you are in Christ, how does knowing that God is always with you lead to being faithful to trust and obey him? (Give specific examples.)
2. If you are in Christ, how does knowing that God always keeps his promises lead to your being faithful to trust and obey him? (Give specific examples.)
3. Share some ways God has been with you and has been faithful to keep his promises in your life. (Give specific examples.)
4. Share an example of where you wish you had asked more questions and thought through possible problems before agreeing to something.
5. How does looking to the interests of others help to resolve conflict? What does it mean that "conflict dies when people die to self"? How can we apply the gospel to conflict?
6. What do you do (or what are you going to start doing) to make sure you call upon the LORD, the Everlasting God, every day? What will this look like?
7. What hints of God's plan of salvation through Jesus have you already seen through our study in Genesis?