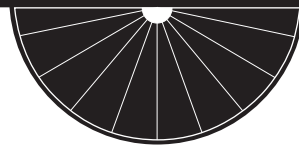



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NOAH

Lesson 1

READING: Genesis 6-9

1. From Genesis 6:9 elaborate on Noah's character based on the statements:
 - A. Noah was a righteous man.

 - B. Noah was blameless in his time.

 - C. Noah walked with God.

2. What "Covenant" did God establish with Noah (Gen. 6:18)?

3. How was Noah's faith evidenced/proven?

4. What further evidence of Noah's faith is revealed in Scripture?
 - A. 1 Peter 3:20

 - B. 2 Peter 2:5

 - C. Hebrews 11:7

5. Discuss how Noah's faith influenced his family. Include in your thoughts the fact that Noah lived 350 years after the flood (Gen. 9:28).

ABRAHAM

Lesson 2

READING: Genesis 12:1-8, 13:14-18; 15

1. Relate the difficulties Abram may have experienced in going forth from Ur as God commanded. (Gen. 12:1-5; Heb. 11:8-10)
2. Discuss Abram's trusting faith in light of the following statements:
 - A. "Sarai was barren; she had no child" (Gen. 11:30). "To your descendants I will give this land" (Gen. 12:7). "I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth" (Gen. 13:16).
 - B. "One born in my house is my heir." (Gen. 15:3)
 - C. God "reckoned it to him as righteousness." (Gen. 15:6)
3. Make a list from the readings of the occasions and places where Abram built alters. What do we learn about Abram from this?
4. What future did God reveal to Abram about his descendants?
5. What covenant did God make with Abram? (Gen. 15:18-21)
6. Give evidence that Abram's faith was not a mere acknowledgement of who God is but was a faith which moved him to action.
7. What caused Abram to believe God? Where did his great faith come from?

ABRAHAM

Lesson 3

READING: Genesis 16-18

1. Abram was 86 when Ishmael was born. This means Sarai was 76. How does Sarai demonstrate faith or lack of faith in God's promise? (Gen. 16:1-2)
2. How did Abram believe the Lord's promise would be fulfilled? (Gen. 16:2-4; 17:18) What did God think of this? (Gen. 17:20-21)
3. What can be determined about the faith of Hagar? (Gen. 16) Had she been influenced by Abram and Sarai?
4. What covenant did God establish with Abram? (Gen. 17:1-8) Explain how it was to be an "everlasting covenant." (Gen. 17:7-8)
5. What did God demand as the sign of the covenant? (Gen. 17:9-14) How does Abram demonstrate faith in this regard? (Gen. 17:23-27)?
6. Why did God change the names of Abram and Sarai? (Gen. 17:4-6, 15-16)
7. How does the laughter of Abraham (Gen. 17:17) and Sarai (Gen. 18:12-13) indicate the miraculous nature of Isaac's birth? Does their laughter indicate a lack of faith?
8. For what purpose did God choose Abraham? (Gen. 18:17-19)
9. What is learned about Abraham's character from Genesis 18:1-9 and Genesis 18:20-33?

ABRAHAM

Lesson 4

READING: Genesis 22

1. What was the purpose of God's testing Abraham? (Gen. 22:1, 12)
2. Describe Abraham's faith during the journey to mount Moriah. (Gen. 22:2-4) Locate mount Moriah on a map and tell the future significance of this location.
3. How does Abraham continue to speak of his faith in God (Gen. 22:5-8)?
4. What is implied about Abraham's faithful influence on Isaac (Gen. 22:7, 9)?
5. Where we are repulsed and offended by the command to sacrifice Isaac, how was Abraham able to grow in faith to a point he obeyed? (Gen. 22:9-10; Heb. 11:17-19)
6. How is Abraham's faith proven to be justified (Gen. 22:8, 13-14)?
7. Why on this occasion did God choose to restate the promises to Abraham (Gen. 22:15-18)?
8. How might Abraham's faith have influence the young men who accompanied he and Isaac (Gen. 22:19)?

ISAAC

Lesson 5

READING: Genesis 22; 26:1-6; 26:12-29

1. What evidence is given about Isaac's upbringing which indicates his training in the things of God?
2. How did the events of his being sacrificed by Abraham effect the faith of Isaac throughout his life? In other words - how did he come to be a man of such great faith?
3. Is Genesis 26:3-4 the first instance of God speaking directly to Isaac? Is it the first instance of Isaac receiving these promises from God? How would these two facts create faith in Isaac?
4. What attribute of Abraham did Isaac learn (Gen. 26:7-11)? Why does Scripture record this for us?
5. How did God bless Isaac (Gen. 26:12-14)?
6. What is revealed of Isaac's attitude and faith from the reading of Genesis 26:18-22 and 26:25?
7. Why did God bless Isaac so abundantly (Gen. 26:23-25)?
8. Describe Isaac's reputation before the Philistines, in particular how he dealt with trials (Gen. 26:26-29).
9. How do we learn from Isaac's faith (Heb. 11:20)?

JACOB

Lesson 6

READING: Genesis 28:10-22; 30:25-30; 31:1-42

1. Having grown up undoubtedly knowing of God's promises to Abraham, and hearing the desire of Isaac that Jacob receive those same promises (Gen. 26:3-4), how strongly did the events of Genesis 28:10-15 affect Jacob's faith?
2. Did Jacob have faith or was he seeking evidence to convince him to have faith (Gen. 28:20-22)? Compare this with how we gain faith.
3. How had God proven Himself to Jacob (Gen. 30:27-30)? How has God proven Himself to us?
4. What promise did God make to Jacob (31:3-4)? How did Jacob's response indicate faith (Gen. 31:4-13)?
5. What is revealed about the faith of Laban (Gen. 31:22-30)?
6. Describe the growth in Jacob's faith during the time he labored for Laban (Gen. 31:36-42). Be sure to compare this passage with Genesis 28:10-15.

JACOB

Lesson 7

READING: Genesis 32:1-12; 32:24-32; 35:1-15

1. Though a wealthy man, what was the attitude of Jacob prior to meeting with Esau (Gen. 32:9-12)?
2. How would this further communication with God have produced faith in Jacob (Gen. 32:24-32)?
3. Like Abraham and Isaac, what is significant about Jacob erecting an alter (Gen. 33:20)?
4. Describe “faith” based on Jacob’s words in Genesis 35:1-3.
5. Why was there a great terror of Jacob’s house as he passed cities (Gen. 35:5)? (Check the context from chapter 34.)
6. Why is Genesis 35:9-12 significant? How did this message effect Jacob’s faith?
7. How do we learn from Jacob’s faith (Heb. 11:21)?

JOSEPH

Lesson 8

READING: Genesis 37:1-11; 39:1-23; 40:1-41, 45

1. Explain the fulfillment of Joseph's dreams (Gen. 37:1-11).
2. From Genesis 39:9 what is revealed about...
 - A. Joseph's religious education?
 - B. Joseph's faith?
3. How did the Lord demonstrate He was with Joseph (Genesis 39)?
4. Did Joseph know the Lord was with him?
5. What made Joseph think he could interpret dreams (Gen. 40:8)?
6. How would the fulfillment of his interpretations have caused Joseph's faith to grow (Gen. 40: 20-23)?
7. How would his continued imprisonment be seen as a trial of faith (Gen. 41:1)?
8. How old does a person have to be before faith is mature? Consider Joseph's example.

JOSEPH

Lesson 9

READING: Genesis 41:14-45; 42:8-17; 45:1-8; 46:1-7; 50:15-26

1. What is Joseph's attitude about interpreting dreams (Gen. 41:16)?
2. In interpreting Pharaoh's dreams, how does Joseph emphasize God (41:25-32)?
3. Why was Joseph chosen to be third ruler of all Egypt (Gen. 41:33-49)?
4. How does the naming of his sons point to Joseph's faith (Gen. 41:50-52)?
5. What is significant about Joseph remembering the dreams of his youth (Gen. 42:9)?
6. How did Joseph come to the conclusion in Genesis 45:8?
7. What is learned of Jacob's faith in Genesis 46:1-7?
8. How did Joseph demonstrate faith in God (Gen. 50:15-26)?

MOSES

Lesson 10

READING: Exodus 2:7-15; 3:1-6:9

1. What faith did Moses learn from his mother (Ex. 2:7-15)?
2. What was Moses' knowledge of God (Ex. 3:6)? (Heb. 11:24-26)
3. List Moses' excuses and state how he displays a weaker faith (Ex. 3:10-4:17).
4. What did God do to help Moses have faith (Ex. 3:10-4:17)?
5. How would God's words of inspiration create faith in Moses?
6. God's signs produced faith in the Israelites (Ex. 4:30-31). How might this have effected Moses?
7. How might Pharaoh's rejection have effected Moses' faith (Ex. 6:1-9)? Was this rejection expected (Ex. 4:21-23)?

MOSES

Lesson 11

READING: Exodus 7-13

1. How was Moses' faith tried (Ex. 7:8-13; 7:22-23; 8:7)?
2. What indicates Moses' faith was not shaken (Ex. 8:8-13)?
3. How did the failure of the magicians bolster Moses' faith (Ex. 8:16-19; 9:11)?
4. How does Moses demonstrate faith in his unwillingness to compromise (Ex. 8:25-27; 10:24-25)?
5. What was God's purpose in preventing the plague from effecting the Israelites (Ex. 7:22; 8:3-4; 9:25-26; 11:6-7)?
6. What was the purpose of the plagues (Ex. 11:9; 12:12; 18:11; Numb. 33:4)?
7. How did Moses' keeping of the Passover demonstrate his faith (Ex. 11:1-12:32)? (Heb. 11:28)
8. Describe how successive generations of faithfulness helps to increase faith (Ex. 13:19). Try to include some modern examples.

MOSES

Lesson 12

READING: Exodus 14; 16:1-21; 17:1-7; 19:1-25; 24:1-18

1. How did Moses know the Lord would fight for them (Ex. 14:14; 14:1-4)? How did God do this (Ex. 14:19-20; 14:23-25)?
2. Though God revealed His plan to Moses (Ex. 14:15-18), what caused Moses to believe his actions would “divide the sea” (Ex. 14:16) or that they would cross on “dry ground” (Ex. 14:16)?
3. What was the result of God’s great miracle in crossing the Red Sea? How was God “honored through Pharaoh” (Ex. 14:18)? (Also Ex. 14:30-31; Heb. 11:29.)
4. How is it the people grumbled, but Moses had faith (Ex. 16:3-7)?
5. How do other supposed believers create a trial of our faith (Ex. 17:1-7)?
6. Why did the Israelites venerate Moses (Ex. 19:9; 19:18-25)?
7. Name the events that demonstrate Moses’ faith (Ex. 24:1-18).

MOSES

Lesson 13

READING: Exodus 32:1-35; Numbers 12:1-16; 15:1-35; 17:1-11

1. Describe the faith of Moses from Ex. 32:1-35.
2. Discuss how the sin of others discourages, and how we are to maintain faith at such a time.
3. What is God's assertion of Moses (Numb. 12:1-16)?
4. What was the sin of Aaron and Miriam (Numb. 12:1-16)? How does this relate to their faith? Compare this to modern preachers and elders.
5. Why did the nation not believe God's word (Numb. 14:1-4)? What caused Joshua, Caleb, Moses, and Aaron to believe (Numb. 14:5-10)?
6. James 5:16 speaks of the prayer of a righteous man accomplishing much. What did Moses' prayer accomplish (Numb. 14:11-35)?
7. What sign did God direct as a result of Korah's rebellion (Numb. 16:36-40)?
8. How was Moses' faith effected by Korah's rebellion (Numb. 16:1-35)?
9. How did faith cause Moses to act on the next day when the people rebelled again (Numb. 16:41-50)?
10. What was God's sign to silence the rebels and create faith (Numb. 17:1-11)?