

Series: Genesis

Passage: Genesis Chapter 25:1-26

Title: A Prophetic Look at the Flesh and Spirit **Speaker:** Pastor David Menard, 11/20/2022

Discussion Starter – What did you learn in regards to walking in the Spirit and the daily battle with your flesh from this chapter?

Read Genesis 25:1-11

- How long was Abraham married to Keturah? Do you think that God's blessing was on that marriage? Share your thoughts on how and why?
- Describe the wisdom Abraham had in dealing differently with Isaac and the sons of Keturah, regarding their inheritance? Why do you think Abraham sends the sons of Keturah away before his death?
- Why must the flesh be driven out if the spirit is to thrive? Galatians 5:17
- What does this look like in your life? (Romans 8:5-8)
- What is meant in the phrase, "full of years, and gathered to his people" in verse 8?
- Did Abraham believe he received God's promise, (Genesis 12:1-3), at the time of his death?
- Describe what you have seen in how Abraham's faith has grown over the 100 years walking with God? When he died, where did he go? Where will you go when you die? Ephesians 4:8-10.
- What can we infer about Abraham's impact as a father, when we see Isaac and Ishmael together burying him in verse 9?
- What is the full meaning of the phrase, "God blessed his son Isaac"? What blessing did Isaac receive?

Read Genesis 25:12-18

- How is Genesis 15:5 beginning to be fulfilled in these verses?
- Ishmael did not receive the blessing of Isaac. What did God promise him? Read Genesis 17:20-21.

Read Genesis 24:19-26

- Why did you think God hindered Rebekah forty years before she got pregnant? Zechariah 4:6
- Have you ever experienced, "if all is well, why am I like this?" like Rebekah in verse 22?
- Why do you think God declared, "the older shall serve the younger"? (Romans 9:9-13)
- Describe how Jacob and Esau are a prophetic look at the flesh versus the spirit? Read Galatians 5:17-21. What insights are given about our Christian walk today and this battle?
- Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. Describe the pattern you seeing in this passage and our study in Genesis so far, on why God's ways not our ways? What do we learn about the flesh?