

Ireland's Christian Men's Camp 2019



Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Yielded Unto God

How Far Can We TRUST God?

***"Present your bodies a living sacrifice,
holy, acceptable unto God, which is
your reasonable service."***

Romans 12:1



Studying the Life Principles of Isaac

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... I'VE GOTTA FIND HIM QUICK AND GET
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THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH LIVING
SACRIFICES

Schedule of Events

Time	Duration	Main Function	
WEDNESDAY APRIL 24			
Noon-3pm		Start Arriving at Camp - Unpack and Start Dinner, Setup Time	
3:00pm	1:30 hr	1st Session – Enjoying the Impossible	Ben Shore
4:30pm	30 min	Break	
5:00pm	1:15 hr	Dinner (<i>Burgers & Chips</i>)	
6:15pm	30 min	Introduction to Isaac	Craig Ledbetter
6:45pm	1:15 hr	2nd Session – Conflicting with the Flesh	Declan Flanagan
8:00pm	1 hr	Dessert, Tea and Coffee - Free Time	
9:00pm	1:15 hr	3rd Session – Straightening Out Our Mind	Craig Ledbetter
10:15pm	1 hr	Prayer time at the Bonfire	
11:15pm	8:00hrs	Fellowship time, and Sleep	
THURSDAY APRIL 25			
7:30am	1:15 hr	Wake-Up and Shower	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:45am	30 min	Quiet Time Devotions (Proverbs 3:5,6)	
9:15am	1 hr	Breakfast (<i>Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Porridge, etc.</i>)	
10:15am	1:30 hr	4th Session – Get Your Own Faith	Dan Eberly
11:45am	15 min	Break	<i>Prepare Lunch</i>
12:00	1 hr	Lunch (<i>Hotdogs, chips, etc.</i>)	
1:00pm	3:30 hrs	Games	
4:30pm	30 min	Break	<i>Prepare Dinner</i>
5:00pm	15 min	Group Photo	
5:15pm	1:15 hr	Dinner (<i>Steak, Salad, Chips, etc.</i>)	
6:30pm	1:30 hr	5th Session – Isaac on the Altar	David O’Gorman
8:00pm	45 mins	Dessert, Tea and Coffee - Free Time	
8:45pm	1:30 hr	6th Session – Trusting God for a Wife	Layton Kelly
10:15pm	1:45 hr	Games, Bonfire/Fellowship	
12:00am	7:30hrs	Fellowship time, and Sleep	
FRIDAY APRIL 26			
7:30am	1 hr	Wake-Up and Shower	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:30am	30 min	Quiet Time Devotion (Romans 12:1)	
9:00am	1 hr	Breakfast (<i>Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Porridge, etc.</i>)	
10:00am	1 hr	7th Session – Preventing Family Troubles	Dan Pero
11:00am	1 hr	Pack-up and clean-up	<i>Prepare Lunch</i>
12:00pm		Lunch and Leave for Home	

Romans 12:1

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God,
that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

Romans 12:1

Men of Faith We Have Studied Through the Years

MEN'S CAMP 2015

That this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.
1 Kings 18:37

June 17-20
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€75 Adult
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Studying Elijah
Turning Men's HEARTS Back Again!




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"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."
Proverbs 27:17

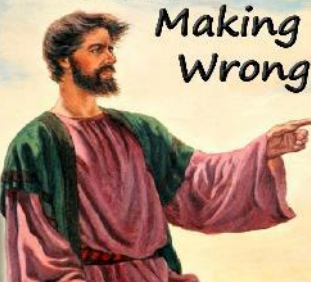
Studying the Life Principles of...

JONATHAN
APRIL 27-30, 2011
CAPPOQUIN, CO. WATERFORD



Lot... Making All the Wrong Choices!

Men's Camp 2014




Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2006
Muckross Venture Centre, Killarney

Studying the Life Principles of:

Jonah

"When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD"
Jonah 2:7

Doing the Will of God from the Heart!
(Ephesians 6:6)




Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2008
Bandon Faith Mission Camp
27th - 29th March, 2008

Studying the Life Principles of Job

Job 1:21


"The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

Holding Fast in Times of Trial



DAVID'S MIGHTY MEN

I have fought a good fight... 2 Timothy 4:7




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Studying the Life Principles of

Joshua

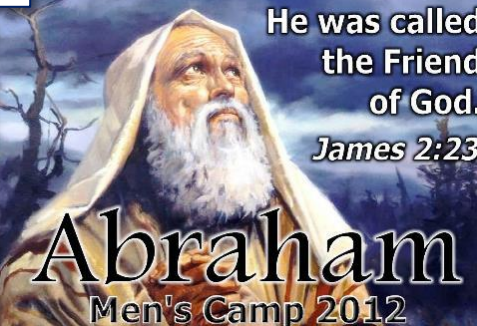
"But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see."
Deuteronomy 3:28

Preparing to Lead



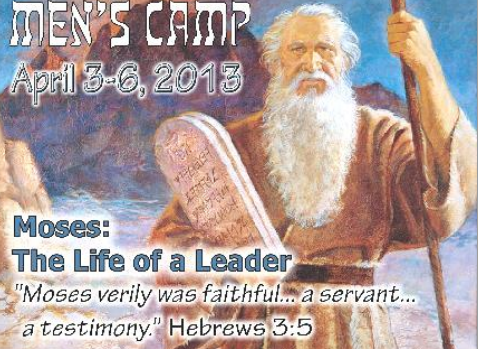
He was called the Friend of God.
James 2:23

Abraham
Men's Camp 2012



MEN'S CAMP
April 3-6, 2013

Moses: The Life of a Leader
"Moses verily was faithful... a servant... a testimony." Hebrews 3:5




Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2010
Mt Melleray Scouting Centre

Studying the Life Principles of

Adam

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."
Galatians 6:7

Taking Responsibility



Yielded Unto God
How Far Can We TRUST God?

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1

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Learning from Isaac
Wed - Fri, April 24-26, 2019
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MEN of FAITH



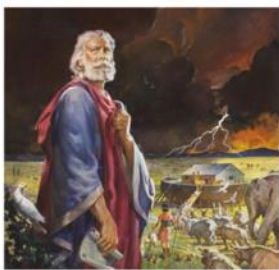
Men's Camp 2018 - Hezekiah
April 4-7

That all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God.
2Kings 19:19



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Studying the Life Principles of

Noah
The Man With A Mission!



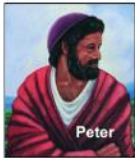
Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2007
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Studying the Life Principles of:

Peter

"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."
Luke 22:31,32

Old Habits Die Hard!
But the CAN die... on the cross!



The Isaac Song

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A son of God's promise was Isaac, His parents now laughed full of joy.
Their faith, had been tried and was tested, and now they were holding their boy.
They would raise him to trust God and obey, much better than they had believed
And do, whatever, the Lord commands, if he wanted, to always succeed

The first problem they had was-with Ishmael - so how would they deal with him?
He troubled and mock'd young Isaac, and would-terrorize him at a whim
He couldn't remain in the household... both boys were always at war
So God said that Hagar and Ishmael, must finally be pushed out the door.

Young Isaac laid down on the altar - on the wood that his father had clave.
He knew it soon would be over, but his heart wasn't really afraid.
He had learned to trust in his father, even when, things didn't, make sense.
God's Word had given a promise - it would work out just right in the end.

CHORUS

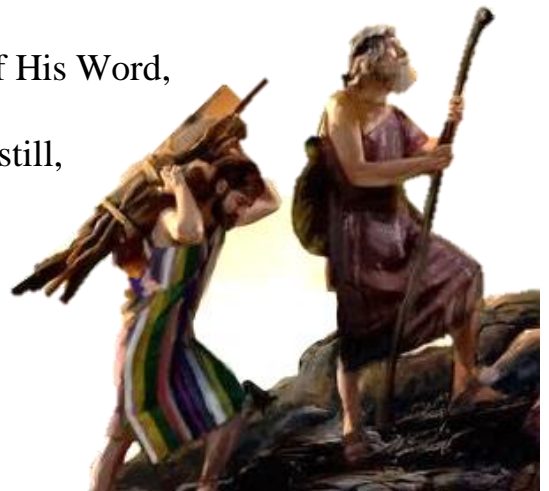
So make sure you're trusting in Someone that's sure;
In the God, of Isaac's great rest.
The doubting and fears that the devil imparts...
Should move us to trust God with more of our heart!

When Isaac was ready to marry, no prospects in Canaan were found
So he trusted his father to help him, and in faith, he waited around
As off went a servant in search of a bride, and he found Rebekah so fair,
And Isaac's trust was rewarded, with a love beyond compare

Now Isaac grew old, and so carnal; so blind, that God he ignored
God's choice was being rejected, in favour of meat he adored
Rebekah she struggled and panicked - and deceived him at such a great cost,
And Isaac he reaped from his lack of faith - the blessings of home he now lost.

FINAL CHORUS

So, When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.



We Need More Godly Men

Where have all the godly men gone? Where are the ones who have committed themselves to firmly obeying God's Word? It is up to us who have surrendered ourselves to God, to lead and encourage others to also make that same commitment. Many men simply need some help. A born-again believer in Christ, standing firm on the word of God has a responsibility to encourage and help all our brothers to be focused on becoming, and remaining godly men.

What does it mean to be a godly man? Simply put, it is living a life with the Lord Jesus Christ in control of our words, actions and our every decision! Anybody can "*act*" like a man, but only when someone yields to Christ's authority over their lives, will a man start to **live** godly! Godly men don't leave the raising of their families to the wife, or to the school, or even to the church – they personally lead their families in a humble walk with God! They grow in their own faith, and that results in their family also growing in their own faith. Godly men love their Lord, their wife, their children, and their calling, whatever God asks them to do and be.

A godly man is firmly devoted to his family. The godly man doesn't leave his children, break-up the family unit, or go out seeking another woman to be his companion. His wife is precious in his eyes and their marriage is a lifelong commitment. For a godly man there is no thought of shattering his family to pursue other interests. All of his personal interests are now always connected with his family.

Godly fathers have decided to be the example that their children will follow. Children are not fooled; many dads talk the religious talk, but when it comes to walking the walk, they constantly stumble, and their children notice. Gentlemen, are you reading your Bible, and obeying it, or... is your real interest in sports, movies, hobbies and your work? Children living in that type of household grow up totally rejecting the whole idea of following Jesus Christ. A son naturally looks to his father to learn to be a man. If that father does not take obeying God seriously then the son will not take God seriously either. A daughter looks to her father to understand what a husband should be. If her father compromises his role as a godly husband, the daughter will compromise in her choice of a husband. Is that what you want?


Men, we are raising the next generation, and for this reason we must stand up for Jesus Christ in our lives NOW while our children are young and allow them to witness first hand our faith and our love for Christ as we love them and as we publicly demonstrate our love for our wives. Too many families have been torn apart.

Every man and boy has the potential to grow to be a godly man. It's just a matter of just one person in their home being godly - learning the strong truths of God and then putting those precepts into place. Will YOU be that one person?

This weekend, tear down every idol that is stopping you from being godly. Because this world, our churches, and especially our families need to see more godly men!

If You Believe the Bible, then, You're Not Alone!

These are many of the Bible believing Pastors and Churches here in Ireland
Thank God for these truly Faithful Men – God's Men!



No one is in Killarney

No one is in Athy

No one is in Kildare

No one is in Carlow

No one is in Dundalk

No one is in Ballina

No one is in Tralee

No one is in Tipperary

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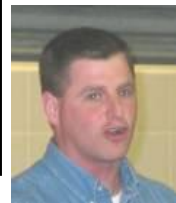
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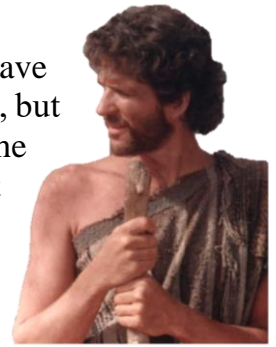
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Who else will join us to reach this island with the Gospel?

A Summary of the Life of Isaac

Genesis 17-35

Throughout time, there have been special men, young and old, who have attempted to live by something powerful called 'faith.' Never has it been easy, but always rewarded! This Men's Camp we will focus on a man named **Isaac**, the son of faithful Abraham! When people think of faithful men, Abraham almost always comes to mind, but not his son. Yet Isaac shows us *the great rest* that is experienced in a life of faith and confidence in the God who is in control of everything going on in a person's life.



Isaac's life may not be as exciting as his father Abraham's, but God used him to confirm His promises to Abraham, and carry on His plan to bring about a people who would follow Him, and to bring into this world a Saviour! The Lord Jesus Christ came from the lineage of this promised son, Isaac, not from Ishmael, even though Ishmael was the one born first to Abraham. Because of Isaac's faithfulness to just confidently believe the God of his father Abraham, he is in the Kingdom of God (Luke 13:28), and honoured in the Hall of Faith in Hebrews chapter 11. So if you want to enjoy the fruits of faith, learn and never forget the lessons from the life of Isaac, and start yielding your life to God in absolute trust, even when nothing makes sense.

THE BIRTH OF ISAAC (Genesis 17-21)

A man named 'Abram' left his hometown of Ur of the Chaldees in the area of modern Iraq simply because he believed a promise that God would give him innumerable children and grandchildren, and a land for them to live in forever. He was 75 years old and his wife, Sarah, was 65 years old when this promise was given to him. Sarah was beyond the age of being able to have children, yet Abram trusted that God would give them a child. That little bit of faith changed Abram's name to Abraham (father of many nations), and changed his heart, to that of a child of God! Little did he know just how hard it would be to KEEP trusting God and His promises.

Both Sarah and Abraham got impatient waiting for this promised son that was supposed to be born to them. It had been ten years since God had made the promise, and Sarah "wasn't getting any younger!" So Sarah suggests that Abram take her maidservant **Hagar** and go ahead and have children *by her*. Abraham easily agrees and Hagar conceives!

Abram, is 86 years old when Ishmael is born. Interestingly, Scripture is silent about the events of Abram's life for 13 years after the birth of Ishmael. It will not be until Abram is 99 years old before the Lord speaks again to him. Because it was THEN that God was going to actually give Abraham and Sarah their promised son! If only Abraham had been patient (Hebrews 10:36).

One day after Abraham was 99 years old, God spoke to him once again and reaffirmed His covenant with Abraham that he would become a great nation and that Sarah would give birth to a son, just like God had promised. When Abraham heard this promise once again, he fell upon his face **and laughed**, saying in his heart, "*Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? And shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?*" (Genesis 17:17). God heard his laugh and told him that Sarah would have a child by this time the following year, and that he would name his child "**Isaac**", which means *laughter*, and that God would establish His covenant with him and his seed.

A little while later, God reminded Abraham yet again that Sarah would be having a son within the year. But this time, Sarah was listening and **laughed** within herself and thought, "*After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my Lord being old also?*" (Genesis 18:12). God knew her

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thoughts and asked Abraham why Sarah laughed about being able to bear a son? Sarah loudly denied laughing because she was afraid, but God told her that she did indeed laugh. But promised to keep His promise anyway!

Just as God promised Abraham and Sarah, Isaac was born. Miraculously, Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born, and Sarah was 90 years old. Truly God did a great miracle and only God could get the glory for this impossible event. After Isaac was born, Sarah said, “***God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me. Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children to suck? For I have born him a son in his old age.***” (Genesis 21:6, 7) God had given her a desire of her heart and her heart now overflowed with joy. Every time she held her baby boy, she would be reminded of the faithfulness of God and that she could trust Him in all things.

ISAAC & ISHMAEL (Genesis 21:8-21)

Isaac grew like all babies do. When he was officially finished weaning, Abraham honoured it with a feast. But, while everyone else was celebrating this stage of life being finished, his teenage older brother, **Ishmael**, mocked Isaac and was bullying him regularly. One day, Sarah saw this taking place and went straight to Abraham about it. When Sarah approached Abraham about Ishmael being a threat to her son Isaac, she reminded him that Ishmael could not be the heir along with Isaac, as the promise from God was given to only Isaac. Ishmael was not the line where the Messiah would ultimately come from. God's divine plan was only through Isaac. Sarah told Abraham that the only solution was for Ishmael and Hagar to be cast out of the house and disowned. This was a very grieving and hard decision for Abraham, as he loved Ishmael very much. In the end, God told Abraham to listen to Sarah's advice and that God would take care of Ishmael and make him a great nation as well. So Abraham sadly did what his heart did not want to do – he let Ishmael go away.

THE SACRIFICE OF ISAAC (Genesis 22)

About 30 years passed and Isaac became a man. He alone was the sole heir of the promises of God to Abraham. So God decided to test Abraham to see if God was still the desire of his heart or if He had been replaced by Isaac. God told Abraham to take Isaac and to go to a place where God would show him, where he would take his only begotten son Isaac and offer him there for a burnt offering of worship.



This was probably impossible for Abraham to take in. He loved Isaac, and he loved God as well. But, if God could give him a son when he was 100 years old and had promised Isaac would have children, then no matter what happened, Abraham decided that he could still trust God, and believed that God could even bring Isaac back to life if Isaac had to die. (Hebrews 11:17-19). So, the next day, Abraham took Isaac and two servants and began a three-day journey. When they arrived at the place that God told them to go, Abraham told the servants to stay behind and he and Isaac would continue on. Abraham believed with all of his heart that they both would return to the servants (Genesis 22:5). Abraham then took the wood he brought for the burnt offering and put it upon Isaac to carry. He then grabbed a knife and fire, and both began the journey up. Along the way, Isaac spoke up as he realised something was missing – the offering! They hadn't brought any sheep with them! So, like any young man would, he asked his father where the offering was at.

Abraham then taught and showed Isaac great faith in God by declaring that God would “*provide himself a lamb*” for the burnt offering. Isaac was able to see his father's faith first hand and knew

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that if his father trusted God, then he could to, no matter what would happen. Little did Isaac realise that he was the offering that was to be sacrificed. When they arrived at the place of sacrifice that God showed them, Abraham built an altar and prepared the wood for it. Then, he took some rope and began to tie up Isaac. Abraham is about 130 or so years old now, and a 30 year old man could overpower him pretty easy, but instead of fighting or running away, Isaac trusted his father, and ultimately God. He did not understand or know why this was happening, but he still trusted them both with all of his heart. As his father stood over him with a dagger hovering over his chest, he yielded his heart to God's will, whatever it was to be – death or life.



As Abraham raised his knife to take the life of his only begotten, and promised son, God loudly called out and told Abraham not to harm Isaac in any way. Abraham had passed the test and proved his trust in the God he loved more than anything or anyone! Suddenly he heard rustling nearby and saw a ram (male sheep) stuck in a bush. God HAD provided a sacrifice for Abraham and Isaac to offer. Because of his faith, God reaffirmed His covenant to Abraham and Isaac.

Abraham did not realise that he was an example of what God would do in the future on that exact same spot. It would be there that the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, **God's only begotten Son**, would be sacrificed on a cross for the sin of all of the world. Even though God stopped Abraham from sacrificing his son, God wouldn't keep back HIS only begotten son, Jesus. And just as Abraham believed God would raise Isaac up from the dead; God raised up Jesus from the dead and conquered death and Hell by rising again three days later! His death was a substitutionary death for you and I. He took our place on the cross for our sin.

ISAAC & REBEKAH (Genesis 24)

One day, Abraham realised that Isaac was getting older, and no grandchildren were yet to be seen. He did not want Isaac to marry someone from Canaan since they were pagan and did wicked things as a form of worship. Abraham wanted Isaac to have a wife who would love and serve only God like Isaac now did. Some of Abraham's family back in Ur did believe and worship in the true God, and so he decided to send his chief servant named Eliezer to travel back home and personally find Isaac a wife. Now, Isaac could have refused his father's wishes and chosen a woman of Canaan (like his half-brother Ishmael did). Can you imagine his feelings and thoughts as he watched a SERVANT leave to go find him a life-long mate? What was she going to be like? What would she look like? Would she be beautiful? This was no overnight trip, and yet we find Isaac patiently waiting.

Eliezer eventually reached where Abraham's family lived and brought his camels to a well outside the city in order to give them water after the journey. He arrived in the evening of the day, around the time that the women went out to get water for the evening. It was here that this godly servant prayed and asked God to send him the right woman for his master's son. Imagine being tasked with this job! It's difficult enough to find a wife for yourself, but to get a wife for the son of your master is another thing. He knew he couldn't do this without God's help and asked God to show him who Isaac should marry. He prayed very specifically and asked that the woman would offer to water all his many camels, showing that SHE had a servant's heart herself. Before he even finished praying, Rebekah approached. Eliezer, approached her and asked for a drink of water. She gave him a drink and then offered to water all his camels as well. This was no easy task since camels can drink so much!



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It turned out that Rebekah was of the extended family of Abraham. Eliezer rejoiced and praised God. God answered his prayer even before he finished praying! He revealed to her that he was sent by Abraham to her family. When she heard these things, she ran ahead to inform her brother, Laban there would be guests coming for dinner.

At dinner time, Eliezer declared he would not eat until he told them of why he was there. He then informed Laban and his father, Bethuel, that he was Abraham's servant and that God had blessed Abraham greatly and that Sarah had had a son, and that Abraham had given all that he had to Isaac. He then mentioned that Abraham sent him to find a wife for Isaac. (There probably was a long pause at that moment). He glorified God and Abraham's faith by giving God the glory for answered prayer.

When he and his son Laban heard Eliezer's words, they realized God was behind all these things and said it was Rebekah's decision to go with him. If she chose to go, she could leave with their blessings. Eliezer blessed God for again answering prayer by her father and brother agreeing to the marriage. Eliezer then asked Rebekah her choice. Amazingly, she chose to go right away with Eliezer to go meet her future husband. As she left, her family blessed her and prayed that she would be a mother of thousands of millions and that her children would possess the gate of those which hate them - a prophecy of Jesus Christ one day, doing so at His resurrection and His second coming.

They left and made the journey back to Abraham and Isaac. During that time away, Isaac should have been most anxious for Eliezer's return. Most of us would have been. But Isaac was at rest in his trust of the God who had promised him his life and now his wife! So, one day, as he was out meditating in the work field as he usually did, he lifted up his eyes and saw the camels coming. As they approached Isaac, Rebekah jumped off her camel and put her veil on (a sign of modesty in those days). When they met Isaac, Eliezer told him of all that transpired. Very soon after, Isaac and Rebekah fell completely in love with each other, and they were married. Rebekah brought comfort to Isaac, as he had recently lost his mother, Sarah.

ESAU AND JACOB BORN (Genesis 25:19-34)

Isaac was 40 years old when he and Rebekah met and were married. He enjoyed his time with Rebekah, but oddly enough, no children were born from their union. Isaac knew the promise God gave him of children, and he trusted that promise, but it wasn't until nearly 20 years later that Isaac humbled himself and started asking God for his wife to get pregnant. When Isaac finally did pray, God quickly answered his prayer and Rebekah conceived. But as her pregnancy progressed, it felt like a war was going on inside of her and she was so puzzled about what was happening! So, she asked God why she was having such a troublesome pregnancy?



God told to her that she was pregnant with not just one child, but two, and that two nations were in her womb. They would be two kinds of people from their birth. The one would be stronger than the other and that the eldest son would serve the younger. This was an unheard-of thing culturally, and so she kept all these things to herself in her heart and scripture does not say she told Isaac. She gave birth to twin boys - the first recorded twins in scripture. The first born was covered in red hair all over his body. They called him **Esau**, which means *Red Hairy Kid*. The second had his hand holding onto Esau's heel and so his name was called **Jacob** (*the Grabber*,

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Taker). These two children would grow up to become very different in every way. Esau became a cunning hunter and loved the outdoors, whereas Jacob loved to be inside helping around the home. Isaac grew to love Esau more than Jacob, and to favour him because he loved to eat the venison that Esau would bring home from his hunts. Rebekah grew to love Jacob more than Esau because he was always with her in the tents and helping around the house.



ISAAC AND THE FAMINE (Genesis 26)

There was a famine in the land that was as severe as the one in the days of Abraham when he wrongfully had run to Egypt for refuge (Genesis 12:9-20). As the famine grew worse, Isaac journeyed to Gerar to see if he could dwell with King Abimelech, the king of the Philistines. While he was there, God appeared to Isaac and told him NOT to go down into Egypt like his father had done, but to dwell where God would show him and to stay in the Promised Land. So, Isaac dwelt in Gerar until God showed him otherwise.

Later, the men of Gerar began asking Isaac about his beautiful wife. And, instead of telling them she was his wife, he lied about them being married and told them she was only his sister. He was afraid of the people and afraid of them killing him to take Rebekah from him. Rebekah was a very beautiful woman. This was exactly what his father Abraham had done when HE was afraid for his life because of his wife's beauty.

In spite of everything, Isaac became very wealthy and powerful in Gerar. He would eventually move to Beersheba, and the Lord started appearing to him again. This time God promised He would be with Isaac and bless him for Abraham's sake. And that is when Isaac built an altar and remained in that place, worshipping God.

GIVING OF THE FATHERLY BLESSING (Genesis 27-28:9)

When Esau and Jacob were 15 years old, their grandfather Abraham died. It was from that day forward that Esau and Jacob showed just how different they were from each other. Esau boldly married two ungodly Canaanite women, against the wishes of his parents and grieved them.

Sometime after the twins' 40th birthday, Isaac summoned his son Esau. Isaac's eyesight was very bad since he was now over 100 years old. Isaac did not know how much longer he had to live and desired to pass on a special blessing to the son who would inherit everything Isaac owned. Esau being born the eldest, was rightfully the heir to all that Isaac had. But Isaac did not know that Esau had sold it to his brother years earlier for a simple bowl of stew. Esau had not considered the birthright anything special and cared only for his grumbling belly (Genesis 25:29-34).

Isaac asked Esau to go and kill a deer and to cook some savoury meat (venison) for him, and told him he would then give Esau the blessing and the inheritance. Isaac's wife, Rebekah, heard what Isaac planned to do. And, she remembered what God had told her that the elder son (Esau) would serve the younger (Jacob) – not the other way around. So, instead of speaking with her husband and reminding him about God's promise to her, she devised a plan to deceive her husband so that Jacob would receive the blessing instead of Esau.



As Esau left to go hunting, Rebekah approached Jacob and informed him of his father's intentions. She then told him to do everything she said. She told him to get two goats, one for her to cook,

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and the other to use the skins and fur as covering of his arms since Esau was so much hairier than Jacob. Jacob obeyed his mother, even putting on Esau's clothing. Jacob was most likely trembling thinking about lying to his father, but he obeyed his mother anyway. As Jacob approached his father, he called out that he had prepared the venison. Isaac was amazed how quickly it had been made. It usually took a long time to go and find wild deer, kill it, skin it, drain it of its blood, then cut it up and cook it right. That's when Jacob lied to his father and said that God had provided him a deer on a quick hunt. Isaac didn't believe him, so he asked Jacob to come close to him. As Jacob neared, Isaac felt his arms and the back of his neck and they felt furry from the hair of the goats. Isaac thought it sounded like Jacob's voice instead of Esau's, but the man standing before him was hairy like Esau!

Jacob then brought to his father the venison. After Isaac finished eating, still not convinced it was Esau, he asked again for the person to come near and to give him a kiss. As Jacob approached again, his father drew him close to smell his garments, and sure enough, it smelled of the outdoors. Finally convinced, Isaac then gave his blessing upon "Esau". Promising all the blessings of Abraham upon his son and his son's sons forever.

Jacob quickly left just before the real Esau came in to his father. He also had made venison meat, from a successful hunt. He brought it to his father and called out that he had arrived, expecting his father to be happy to see him and to eat of his food. Instead, his father was confused, trembling, and bewildered that another Esau had now come to him. If Esau was now before him, who was just there a few minutes ago and had received his blessing?

Esau, cried out with a great and exceeding bitter cry. So much so that he begged his father for a blessing as well. Realising it was indeed Esau before him, he figured out that Jacob had come before him and stolen the blessing from Esau by trickery. Jacob truly lived up to his name. Esau had now lost both his birthright and blessing to his younger brother Jacob. Esau still requested a blessing from his father and wept openly at the loss of the blessing of his father. Isaac decided to give Esau a blessing as well, but announced that he and his descendants would now always serve his younger brother and his descendants. From that day forward, Esau hated Jacob, and vowed in his heart that as soon as Isaac died and the grieving time had passed, that he would kill his brother and take the inheritance from him.

Rebekah was informed of this vow of Esau's and fearing for Jacob's life, she called her son and told him to flee to her brother Laban's home. Jacob was told of Esau's vow and that his life was now in great danger. Though it was Rebekah's plan to deceive her husband, she ended up ruining the relationship between the two brothers, as well as tainting Jacob's name and reputation. She would now lose the presence of her youngest son because of her deception. Rebekah knew she crossed a line with Esau and lost the relationship with her eldest son. In order to protect Jacob from Esau's hatred, she went to her husband and told him that she did not want Jacob marrying a Canaanite woman, and that Esau's wives made her weary. She declared that she would just die if Jacob did not go to her family to find a wife. In thinking she had protected her son's future, she did not realise she had now lost him. She would never see Jacob again before she died.

THE DEATH OF ISAAC (Genesis 35:27-29)

After Jacob leaves home, not much else is heard about Isaac. Even though he lived to be 180 years old, the ending of Isaac's life wasn't a spectacular show of faith, unlike his father. In truth, Isaac had developed a different kind of faith and trust in God, but sadly he also developed a carnal and lazy attitude towards applying his faith. When you ponder the life of Isaac, you will see a simple faith that is personal and private. A faith that is restful, and patiently trusting in the promises of God. If only he had sought to pass on that faith to his sons like his father had to him!

Scriptures to Memorize

Meditate on these throughout the Camp for best effect on your mind and heart!

Romans 12:1 <i>I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.</i>	Proverbs 3:5,6 <i>Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.</i>
Genesis 21:6 <i>And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh.</i>	Galatians 4:28 <i>Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.</i>
Psalms 18:30 <i>As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.</i>	Galatians 4:29 <i>But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.</i>
Matthew 22:32 <i>I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.</i>	Proverbs 23:7 <i>For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.</i>
Proverbs 12:22 <i>Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.</i>	Philippians 4:8 <i>Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.</i>
Genesis 22:8 <i>And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering.</i>	Psalms 143:5 <i>I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.</i>
Psalms 125:1 <i>They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.</i>	Proverbs 29:25 <i>The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.</i>

A Man's Quiet Time

How Does a Real Man Walk with His God?

Please read this simple explanation of how to prepare your heart for a daily serious time with God through His word. It will make all the difference in the world to come humbly before the throne of grace. **Hebrews 4:16.** We need God's help!

Start with Prayer! Find yourself a place every day to get alone with God. Remember **Matthew 6:6** "*But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet...*" It is when we are *by ourselves* seeking the Lord that we hear His still, small voice. Start with opening your heart to God. Allow Him to do an inspection of what is in your thoughts and feelings. **Psalm 139:23** says, "*Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts.*" Be honest with yourself, and honest with God. Ask God to search for any sins you may have buried in your heart. **Psalm 139:24** says, "*See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*" David, realizing he had sinned against God, asked for a cleansing. God wants us all very clean in our hearts! **Psalm 51:2** says, "*Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*" Let God cleanse your life as you do the following three things: **1. Acknowledge** - admit the sins He reveals are there in your heart. **2. Confess** - admit that you have sinned before an all holy God. **3. Forsake** - leave each sin, abandoning everything that has separated you from God. Decide by God's power to quit doing the same sins that God reveals to you in your quiet time, and has already forgiven, and cleansed you from. Remember the Lord's promise - **1 John 1:9** "*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*"

Humble yourself. The Bible says in **Isaiah 57:15a**, "*For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit...*" We have a great need every day to humble ourselves as we prepare to walk with God. This means there must be a **personal brokenness** to cause us to always depend upon the Lord. God wants to fully "dwell" in our heart, but He will not force His way in, nor will He honour a sinful, wicked heart. Once your heart is clean, tell God you are coming under His perfect authority, and that you want to obey Him all day long. God desires to fellowship with you, but only with the right attitude!

Tell God what you need! Cast all your worries, cares, and every need upon Almighty God. He loves to answer our impossible prayers! He delights to have our strength renewed in our daily walk with Him. Believe God wants to give you a peace and strength far beyond what we are used to. So, pray about everything! Real men don't fight, get angry, frustrated, and defeated when things don't work out. Real men, pray and trust God to do for them everything they themselves cannot do!

Read at least two chapters every day from Genesis to Revelation in your Bible!

Finally, Thank Him for His Blessings - Read and meditate on these verses. **Philippians 4:6** "*Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*" **Colossians 4:2** "*Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.*" We have got a lot to be thankful for. Praise Him for His goodness to you! Write some blessings on your heart and mind right now.

Prayer List



“Men ought always to pray, and not to faint” Luke 18:1

This list can be used every time we get together to pray,
and should be added to as we learn of needs and requests.

List the Lost that need to be saved (2 Peter 3:9) ***“God is not willing that any should perish...”***

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List Area For Christian Growth (2 Peter 3:18) ***“but grow in grace”***

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List Areas of Special Needs (Health, and Family concerns) ***“And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.”*** Psalm 50:15

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What Are Your Church Needs? (your Pastor, the many who help serve...) ***“and pray one for another”*** James 5:16

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List Anything Else – like YOUR own needs here... ***“ye have not, because ye ask not”*** James 4:2

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Thursday Devotion – Pondering a Living Sacrifice

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Rom 12:1

What do you think it means to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God?

Does sacrifice imply that something must die?

What do you think should die in a Christian's life? List a few things...

How can a body of a Christian be sacrificed to God without killing it?

In the Old Testament, the Jewish priests would offer the life of specific animals for sacrifice as part of the worship of God, carefully killing them, and then cutting them up and offering them as a gift on a stone altar. The apostle Paul tells us, however, that God would prefer that we Christians would live *AS a sacrifice*, which is far better. In fact, even under the Old Covenant, God considered obedience to be far better and of greater value to him than ANY offering of animals (1Samuel 15:22,23, Psalm 40:6-8, Amos 5:21-24).

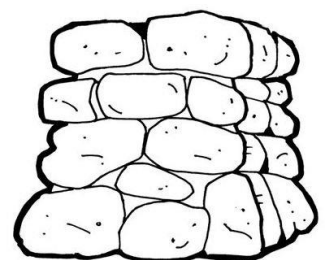
When we think of personal sacrifices, we usually think of things we have to give up, like: our money, our time, our desires, and what else?

Did you list your will, your needs, or your very lives as a sacrifice to God?

In what ways could a Christian offer their will and their actual bodies to God as a living sacrifice?

The rest of Romans 12 gives us some examples of how we can sacrifice ourselves on a daily basis. List just a few of them.

Rather than giving our physical life as a one-time offering (like an animal at Jerusalem's temple), how often should a Christian offer themselves to serve God and love his fellow man?



Friday Morning Devotion – Proverbs 3:5,6

Trusting God Enough to Relax

Proverbs 3:5,6... “ _____ *in the LORD with _____ thine _____*; *and lean not unto thine own _____*. *In _____ thy ways _____ him, and he shall direct thy paths.*”

What could actually bring REST to the heart of a man who is stressed out and anxious about so many things today? When we are Frustrated; Angry; Disappointed; Grumpy.

Many will say “belief in God. Belief in the Bible” Well, belief in God is a good start, but it will do nothing for your heart's worries and stress unless that belief turns into something called TRUST.

Belief is something you think is true. **Trust is you actually believing something enough to live like it is true.** We all have many beliefs, but we need some things/people that we can **trust!**

An example is when someone is on the edge of a cliff, 100 metres up, and they are told by someone to jump and they will be fine. They will certainly have conflicting beliefs: that gravity will pull them down to the ground and kill them upon impact. But, they have been told that they are attached to a zip-line that will firmly hold onto them and carry them safely across the ravine. If they believe in gravity, they will not jump. If they believe in the line holding them, they will go ahead and risk everything and jump, and enjoy the ride all the way across! **Gravity** is everything that is against you as a Christian. But what is **the zip-line** to the Christian? _____

So, **trust** is more than just saying that you *believe* something. It means you no longer worry about something that is out of your control. You have decided to **rely** on something or Someone that cannot fail you. And *that* allows you to rest, even though everything else may be going wrong or scary.

To ‘acknowledge’ God means to accept His commands and instructions, and to do whatever He says to do. Years ago, radio operators would give instructions to far away soldiers, who, when they heard the instructions from headquarters, would say ‘Acknowledged’, which meant they understood what they were told, and would do as commanded, even though they did not know the certain outcome. They were trusting their commanders enough to obey them!

We all trust things and people constantly. We trust that when we flip a light switch, someone has paid the electricity bill and the light will come on. We trust that when we turn the key in our car, the engine will start and will carry us to our desired destination. We trust that when a doctor tells us when have an infection, he didn't just make it up on the spot. We trust that when we go to work, our employer will actually pay us at the end of the week. And we trust that when we pray, God hears us. What other words describe trust? **Proverbs 25:19** _____

Psalm 146:5; Jeremiah 17:7 _____

Psalm 20:7 _____

What are some signs that a person is trusting God? (are any of these visible in your life?)

Psalm 37:3 _____ **Psalm 37:5** _____

Psalm 37:7 _____ **Isaiah 12:2** _____

Isaiah 26:3 _____ **2Kings 18:5,6** _____

How far will these men trust God?

Job 13:15 _____

1Samuel 17:37 _____

Does God usually explain everything that is going on in our lives? **Yes / No**

What is something you need to trust God about today? _____

Session 1 – Enjoying the Impossible

Pastor Ben Shore – Free Baptist Church, Loan, Scotland

“And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh...” Genesis 21:6

Sermon Notes:



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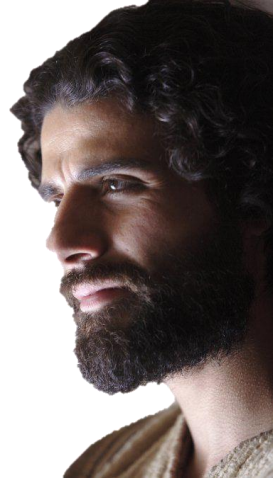
Introduction to the Life of Isaac

Pastor Craig Ledbetter – Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig, Cork

“Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.”

Galatians 4:28

Sermon Notes:



Session 2 – Conflicting With the Flesh

Pastor Declan Flanagan – Lighthouse Baptist Church, Swords, Dublin

“But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.” Galatians 4:29

Sermon Notes:



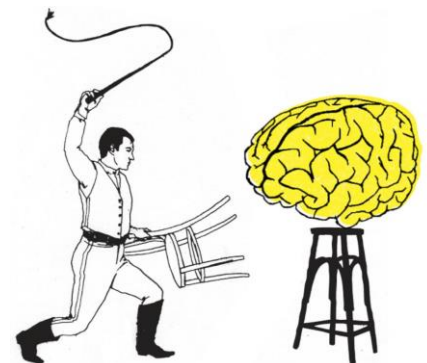
Session 3 – A Christian Man's Mind

What Does it Mean to Meditate?

Pastor Craig Ledbetter – Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig, Cork

“And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide”
Genesis 24:63

Sermon Notes:



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Session 4 – Get Your Own Faith

Pastor Dan Eberly – Bible Baptist Church, Macroom, Cork

*“I am the God of Abraham, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC,
and the God of Jacob. “Matthew 22:32*

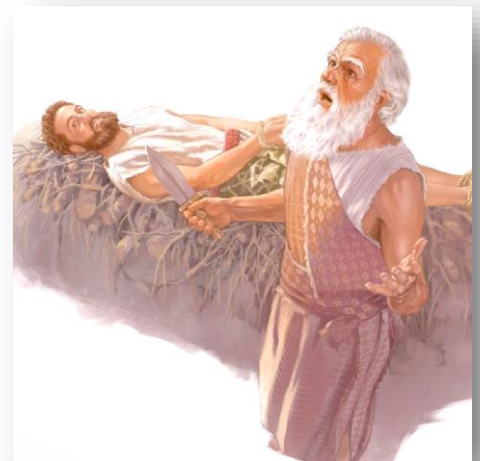
Sermon Notes:

Session 5 – Isaac on the Altar

Pastor David O’Gorman – Lifegate Bible Baptist Church, Tallaght, Dublin

*“And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb
for a burnt offering.” Genesis 22:8*

Sermon Notes:



Session 6 – Trusting God for a Wife

Layton Kelly – New Hope Men's Home, Tallaght, Dublin

“And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.” Genesis 24:63

Sermon Notes:

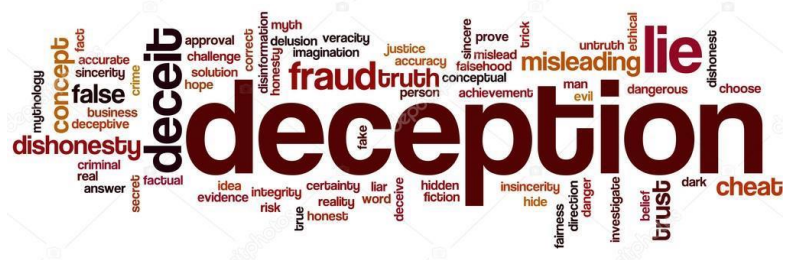


Session 7 – Preventing Family Troubles

Pastor Daniel Pero – Calvary Bible Baptist Church, Bray, Co. Wicklow

“Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.” Proverbs 1:22

Sermon Notes:



Final Review - A Time to Evaluate Your Heart

Questions to ponder and answer from this Camp's study of Isaac.

- What were some important character traits that God honoured in Isaac's life?

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- List some of Isaac's wrong characteristics that you need to work on in your life:

- _____
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- What Scripture really meant a lot to you this week?

Can you write it out from memory?

- Name a spiritual problem that Isaac had, that affected his family _____

- What did you learn about Isaac that you never knew or understood before this Camp?

- What is the difference between FAITH and TRUST? _____

- List the things you need to start doing to improve **your** walk with God. Be Honest!

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Scripture Word Study

Write out in your own words what you think each word or phrase below means. To do that, you will need to look up each memory verse in your Bible, read it, and then try and think about what the specific word or phrase listed below in the verse means and is talking about. If you don't know, ask someone else. The goal is to not just memorise Scripture, but learn the meaning of the Scriptures we are memorising!

You won't be able to study out all these words at one time, so use your free time later to try and finish them before the end of Camp.

Romans 12:1

beseech _____

the mercies of God _____

a living sacrifice _____

your reasonable service _____

Proverbs 3:5,6

Trust _____

lean _____

acknowledge him _____

Genesis 21:6

laugh _____

Galatians 4:28

the children of promise _____

Psalms 18:30

perfect _____

tried _____

a buckler _____

Galatians 4:29

after the flesh _____

persecuted _____

Matthew 22:32

I am _____

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Proverbs 23:7

thinketh in his heart _____

Proverbs 12:22

Lying lips _____

abomination _____

deal truly _____

Philippians 4:8

Name some things that are TRUE _____

Name some things that are HONEST _____

Name some things that are JUST _____

Name some things that are PURE _____

Name some things that are LOVELY _____

good report _____

virtue _____

praise _____

Genesis 22:8

God will provide himself a lamb _____

Psalms 143:5

Remember _____

the days of old _____

meditate _____

muse _____

Psalms 125:1

as mount Zion _____

abideth for ever _____

Proverbs 29:25

The fear of man _____

a snare _____

safe _____

“Trust is not a passive state of mind.”

Word Search - Isaac Trusts in the Lord

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Describe what is happening in this picture, and where it is found in the Bible. What do you think each person is thinking about?





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