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Origins: Obedience

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Key Verses: Genesis 18-22

Talk Summary: Abraham and Isaac – Doing what God tells us (obedience)

We are continuing our Origins series looking at the book of Genesis. Last week's instalment brought us the news that God promised Abraham he would become a great nation. God's promise was fulfilled and Abraham and Sarah gave birth to a son called Isaac. We picked up the thread this week and talked about obedience.

Three points were brought out in the talk:

1. Obedience can be hard and scary.
2. If we are obedient God can use us, but it can look messy as we move through that time. We can't see the end but God can. He weaves us into his story.

I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God. Then you will have minds confident and at rest, focussed on Christ, God's great mystery.

Colossians 2:2-4 (MSG)

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- This story is a mirror of another one that happens later in the bible. All these Genesis stories point to the big story of God. This story is a hint of God’s ultimate rescue plan for the world – Jesus.

3. God rewards obedience – we join all the other people from the past and the future who are the stars God showed to Abraham. He calls us to invite others to become part of that heavenly display.

Group Discussion Questions

Word

"The new is in the old concealed; the old is in the new revealed." Even though the Old Testament was written by different authors hundreds of years before the New Testament and the birth of Jesus, there are signposts all the way through it to who Jesus is and what he will do.

Old Testament	New Testament	Verses
Promised son	Promised Son	Genesis 17:19, Luke 24:27, Isaiah 9:6
Miraculously conceived	Miraculously conceived	Genesis 18:9-10, Genesis 21:2-4, Genesis 24:36, Luke 1:30-35
The father sacrifices the son	The Father sacrifices His Son	Genesis 22:2, John 3:16, Romans 8:32 Genesis 22:7
Your only son, who you love	My only begotten Son, who I love	Genesis 22:2, John 3:16, Romans 8:32, Romans 5:10, 1 John 4:9-10,
Sacrificed on Moriah	Sacrificed on Moriah	Genesis 22:2, John 19:17, 2 Chronicles 3:1,
Burnt offering/sacrificial lamb	Burnt offering/sacrificial lamb	Genesis 22:7-8, John 1:29,
Carry the wood	Carry the cross	Genesis 22:6, John 19:16-17
Voluntarily sacrificed self	Voluntarily sacrificed self	(Isaac carried his own wood, and was old enough to have fought back- but he didn't). Acts 8:32, 35; Mt 26:50
Ram’s head caught in thicket	Lamb’s head with crown of thorns	John 19:2, Genesis 22:13

Look up some of these passages together then chat through these questions:

- What do these verses teach me about God?
- What does this passage teach me about myself?
- What is God inviting you to do or change as a result of what we have discussed?
(Give everyone a minute or so in silence to write it down)