



*Lord, Save Me From  
Myself*

Living On Purpose Series

# *Review Of Abraham & Isaac*

- Meaning behind the text
- Meaning in the text
- Meaning in front of the text
- Looking at the text with our hearts

# *Review Of Abraham & Isaac*

- We should not try to vindicate the characters of the text to quickly
- The Good news of Genesis is that God can renew and save no matter how the story unfolds.
- God is always trying to Initiate Blessing
- God is presented as being supreme and unlimited. This is a departure from the ancient Mediterranean religious culture.

# *Definitions*

**Living On Purpose-** Living with divine intention, a divine plan, a thoughtful pursuit towards self-discovery, community and intimacy with God

**Hermeneutic-**is the theory and methodology of interpretation, especially the interpretation of biblical texts, wisdom literature, and philosophical texts

**Theophany-** a visible manifestation to humankind of God

# *Questions to Consider*

1. What people do you need to be reconciled with?
2. Who do you need to seek forgiveness from?
3. What things do you need to reconcile within yourself?
4. What do you deserve?

# *What we hope for together*

- A deeper concept regarding the formulation of Genesis
- A Fresh look at the story of Jacob and Esau
- Theological highlights that uplift reconciliation, deservedness and forgiveness

# *How do we feel about:*

1. What do you know and how do you feel about Rebekah
2. What do you know and how to you feel about Isaac?
3. What do you know and how do you feel about Esau?
4. What do you know and how do you feel about Jacob?

# *The Big Fuss about Birthright*

The Birth Right guaranteed

- 2/3rds of the Father's inheritance,
- highest esteem and wealth within family system
- Final decision-making power of the family
- Leader of family, clan or nation
- Responsibility to care for father's possessions
- The one that will be remembered



# *What is Blessing?*

- The blessed individual is to live at the peak of their powers
- Blessing permeates the whole of the created order linking humanity and nature
- The blessing is designed to empower the person to bring his whole self to fruition
- Blessing bestows the happiness and richness that comes with self-realization
- Blessing is meant to make one feel at peace and whole with themselves and with the rest of the world.
- Blessing was not universal- but particular and designed for the individual

# *A Blessing Just For You*

- The Blessing of God is particular and designed just for you
- It is God's desire to Bless you
- We should be concerned if we don't get what we believe we deserve
- Blessing should not be contingent upon social status, race or connectedness
- We all have a universal and particular blessing
- Called to overthrow social structures that suggest one person should be blessed more than another