



True Faith Passed to Others **Genesis 26:24-33**

And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, “I am the God of Abraham your father. Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you and multiply your offspring for my servant Abraham's sake” (Genesis 26:24—ESV).

When the LORD appeared to Isaac, He said He was the God of his father, Abraham. Isaac knew that the LORD, the God of Abraham, had saved his life when the LORD had provided a sacrificial lamb in his place (see Genesis 22:11-18). The God of Abraham became the God of Isaac too. Later, Isaac taught his sons, Esau and Jacob, about Abraham's God, Isaac's God and their God. Though Esau did not demonstrate a belief in the LORD that led to faith and obedience to God, three generations did accept the LORD as their God and lived as God told them, though not perfectly. By a faith that looked forward, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob looked toward the coming of the LORD's anointed to save them and the world from sin as the LORD had promised Adam (see Genesis 3 and John 1:29).

Generations later, when the LORD spoke to Moses from the burning bush, God told Moses in Exodus 3:6, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” Moses' father had passed faith in the LORD, the faith of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, on to Moses; therefore, Moses knew the One speaking to him was not one of the gods of Egypt and he could trust the LORD. Through the teachings and miracles of the LORD, God showed Moses that his faith in Him was not misplaced. The LORD saved Isaac's life not only for the sake of Abraham and Isaac, but also for the sake of Moses and eventually our sake. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were the ancestors of Jesus. By the grace of God, believers trust and obey Jesus the Lord, the Anointed One. For generations, parents have taught their children about Jesus and many of their children have taught their children. God saves us though Jesus for the sake of Jesus and to bless us and others with purposes greater than and far beyond us.