

Weekly Worship Guide 2024 – Week 4

Prayer Focus: Confession

Memory Verse: “Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.” Psalm 34:3-4

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January 21, 2024 Sunday Service Review

- Were you on time to church today? If not, have you made it a habit to be late? How could you prepare yourself better next week to ensure that your arrival at church is on time and not a distraction to others as they worship?
- Who did you fellowship with at church today that brought you the most joy? When fellowshiping, how did you encourage others to look to Christ?
- Was there anything that you learned from the sermon that you did not previously know or understand?
- Which point of the sermon drew you in the most / captured your attention the best? Why?
- What did this sermon reveal about God's grace?
- Which application point or command from the text revealed the most glaring deficiency in your walk with Jesus? What does repentance and obedience look like in that area of your life? How will you begin to live it out?

January 22 Shepherding Notes – Mark 4

Our time of meditation on Mark 4 will be directed at the events of verses 35-41.

The Humanity of Christ

Jesus had just experienced a particularly long day. It started all the way back in chapter 3:22. He had been confronted by the Pharisees who called him 'Beelzebub.' He was confronted by His family, who tried to convince Him to stop ministering and return home. He then spent the afternoon teaching the crowds in some of the most iconic parables in the Bible. That evening, Jesus hopped into a boat with His disciples as they were presumably attempting to find a place to camp up the coast, away from the crowds. But Jesus, worn out from the events of the day, fell asleep. Our need for sleep is a constant reminder that we are finite and frail. Consider the amazing statement that is being made by the Psalmist in Psalm 121:4. "Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep." Yet Jesus humbled Himself. He set aside His eternal endurance to experience our weaknesses. In this moment, we see the humanity of Christ on full display. When we observe reality of the humility of God made flesh, it should result in humble awe.

The Deity of Christ

For the disciples, Jesus' humanity was obvious. They understood that Jesus needed to eat and drink and sleep, just like them. Where we see the disciple's confusion is around the issue of Jesus' divinity. At least four, and as many as 7 of the disciples were fishermen. They were well aware of the dangers of the sea. When they wake Jesus up, they ask, "Do you not care if we are perishing?" Each of these disciples have discerned the reality that this is probably how they are going to die. Here is what they know: If the boat capsized, they were going to die. If the boat filled with water, they were going to die. If the storm continued, they were going to die. The disciples understood what was going on with the boat and outside of the boat. What they did not understand was who was in the boat with them. The very God who made the sea and said to the mighty waves, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed," was napping comfortably. When Jesus awoke, He simply said the word and the wind and waters were stilled. Just as the wind and the water could not resist the words of Christ when He called them forth into existence, even so they could not resist His command to be calm.

Trusting Christ

The disciples asked Jesus, "Don't you care if we are perishing?" It seems as though their question is a veiled accusation. By asking Jesus if He cares for them, they are calling into question His love. The statement being made is something like, "Jesus, if you really cared about us, you wouldn't let this happen to us right now. However, their question does seem to indicate that they expected Jesus to do something about the situation. By saying, "Do you not care that we are perishing" It seems as though the disciples are also saying, "Jesus, wake up and do something because we are hopeless without you." Isn't it interesting that our hearts often produce similar accusations when we begin to encounter a trial. 1) God, it seems like you don't care about me. 2) God, if you love me then why don't you do something? I want you to notice something. Jesus was not surprised by this storm. Jesus upholds the universe by the Word of His Power. This is no surprise. Give a closer look to verse 35. On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." Whose idea was it to travel across the lake? This was Jesus' plan. He led them into this storm! It can be really easy for us to worry and fear and fail to trust God when we forget that God

is in control. Trials are coming. Storms are coming. You might be living through a storm right now. These storms are not designed to make you doubt God. They are designed to strengthen you and make you see Jesus more clearly. Just like the disciples learned, Jesus is calling us to trust Him.

Fearing Christ

Verse 41 says, “And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’” They were afraid of the waves, now they are scared speechless. (Which for these disciples, is pretty rare.) Now they are **“filled”** with fear! They just realized that there is more to fear inside this boat than there is outside of it. Jesus just shut down the danger by uttering a few syllables! Christian, you don’t have to fear anything in this world. Fear God with holy reverence. Recognize that Jesus is in control. Your biggest fears are perfectly under the authority of His sovereign plan. Know Him, trust Him, fear Him, love Him.

January 22 - Family Worship

Family Activity: ‘Perfect Read’

The family activity today will take place as you read the Bible together. If your children are old enough to read, have them read one at a time until they stumble over a word. Then, lovingly and graciously stop them and send it to the next reader. (Be sure to be encouraging with the words they get right.) This helps kiddos to focus more on the words in their Bibles and read with more precision.

Read Genesis 17

Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think the Lord changed Abram and Sarai’s names? (Your Bible may have footnotes explaining the old and new meanings. If so, does that help you understand God’s purpose in changing their names? – A new name signifies a newness to their identity. Abraham and Sarah were going to become a father of the child of promise in about a year. These new names were another way for God to display His promises in their everyday lives.)
- Is this the first time God has covenanted with Abram? (No. He made these same promises in chapters 12 and 15.)
- What does it mean that God made a covenant? (That He made an unbreakable promise.)
- Ishmael was already 13 years old during the events of this chapter. Was he the child of the promise? (Read vs. 20-21 again.) Who would be the child who would inherit the covenant promises of God? (Isaac)

Song: [Come Praise and Glorify](#)

Prayer Focus: Confession of SPECIFIC SINS (Any sins that you know of in your own life.)

Bible in a Year

- Read Jeremiah 35
- Read Jeremiah 36

January 23 Shepherding Notes - Mark 5

The philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche defined faith this way: “Not wanting to know what is true.” That is the polar opposite from the way that the Bible defines faith. Genuine faith is seen in four steps in the Bible.

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1. Being **Cognizant** of the gospel (good news about Jesus). It must be in your mind before it will ever be in your heart.
 2. **Confirming** in your heart and mind that the gospel is true.
 3. Being **Confident** that you are made right with God through Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection.
 4. Resulting in increased **Conforming** to God’s will. All genuine faith will be displayed with a pattern of change.
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Mark 5 contains one of the clearest examples of Mark’s favorite literary tool, the ‘inclusio.’ That is just a fancy word about how he forms stories. It starts with one story (Jairus), is interrupted by another story (the woman with the issue of blood, and then returns to the first story (Jairus). Think of it like a sandwich with a top piece of bread, the meat in the middle, and a bottom piece of bread. Whenever Mark employs this method, he is using the meat to enhance the bread, and the bread to enhance the meat. They bring clarity to one another.

Let’s look at the woman at the center of this event and then move to understand Jairus.

Diseased

This woman had been suffering from a discharge of blood for 12 years. That alone is enough for us to show immense pity on her. But it is necessary to understand what this would have meant for her, socially speaking. According to the Law of God that was given in Leviticus, she was unclean. Because she was unclean, she was not allowed to be in public like this. She would have been an outcast, a social pariah. This disease was usually considered to be a punishment from God. This illness in particular was looked down upon in an extreme manner resulting in social rejection. Moreover, she was not allowed to attend any religious gatherings at the Synagogue or the Temple until this disease had been gone for a week. In verse 34, the word that Jesus uses for disease is actually the word for scourge or whip. It implies deep affliction. This disease has caused extensive harm to her body, her community, her ability to worship God with other people, and much more. This disease has devastated her.

Destitute

Apparently, at one point in her life she had means and money. Now, all of that is gone. Doctors during this time were terrible. Medical science has significantly improved since this era. We know of some of the cures that were being recommended for this particular disease. Most of them are very gross and bizarre, but let me just highlight one. A woman with this disease would have been told to go dig through donkey manure to find a grain of white barley that had passed through the body of that donkey without being digested and to carry it around. This is the kind of prescriptions that she was paying for. Needless to say they all left her off no healthier, just much more poor. Now, her money is gone, her options have been exhausted, and she is hopeless. She is basically the exact opposite of Jairus. He is named, she is not. He is esteemed, she is shamed. He

is an elite member of society, she is the lowest. He has enjoyed 12 years of love with his daughter, she has experience 12 years of pain with her disease. He is wealthy, she is destitute. He is a worship leader, she has been banned from public worship. **But they have two things in common.** First, they both identified that Jesus was their only hope. Secondly, they both had faith in Him. They 'heard' or became cognizant of His ministry. They confirmed in their heart that He could rescue them. They had confidence that was displayed in a willingness to be publicly shamed if they were wrong. And they conformed to God's will in obedience, even when it would have been really difficult in their situations. We worship the same Jesus that they did. If you are a Christian, He has rescued you. Continue on in active trust as you grow in your faith in Christ today.

January 23 - Family Worship

Read Genesis 18

Discussion Questions:

- Why did Sarah laugh when the Lord said that she would have a son? (She was too old to have children.)
- In the beginning of verse 14, the Lord asked a really important question. (Read it and answer it.) Since nothing is impossible with God, what does that teach us about God's promises? (That nothing will ever stop Him from fulfilling His promises – in Sarah's case, not even old age.)
- Did Sodom and Gomorrah deserve to be destroyed? (Read vs. 20 again.) Then why did Abraham ask the Lord to spare it from destruction? (Hint: Which of Abraham's relatives lived in Sodom?)
- What does Abraham's request for Sodom to be spared reveal to us about how we should pray for wicked people who deserve destruction? (We should have a heart that desires the ungodly to be spared. We should pray for people to be saved. Abraham was absolutely right in verse 25, the Judge of all the earth WILL do what is right. We ask the Lord to save, and we trust that He will do what is right.)

Song: [Glorious Christ](#)

Prayer Focus: Confession of LACK OF LOVE FOR GOD

Family Activity: Act It Out

There are two scenes in today's passage. Divide up parts and act out one or both of these scenes. In doing so, see how much your child(ren) can get the point across in their acting out of the story. You may discover that they understand the text very well. You may also find out that there are a few misunderstandings that need to be lovingly corrected. Have fun with it, and use it to learn.

Bible in a Year

- Read Jeremiah 37
- Read Jeremiah 38

January 24 Shepherding Notes – Mark 6

Have you ever felt as though God had left you alone to fight through a trial without Him? The circumstances of your life prove to be too much for you to handle, and you struggle to understand what God is doing. In Mark 6:45-52, we once again find Jesus's disciples in a boat. This time Jesus is not with them. Mark emphasized Jesus' role in sending them out into the water by saying that "he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side." Jesus did this knowing exactly what the disciples were about to encounter on their journey. So, Jesus sent them out and went up onto the mountain to pray for several hours.

Rowing a boat is hard work in the best of circumstances. Rowing against the wind is miserable. Mark highlights that every inch that they moved in the right direction was gained "painfully." The wind slowed their journey to such an extent that they were still out on the water during the fourth watch of the night, which roughly equates to the range of 3am to 6pm. This means that the disciples had probably been rowing for between six and nine hours.

Pay close attention to the wording of vs. 47-48. It is very clear that Jesus is standing on the land, "and he saw" the disciples who had been rowing for so long. He was not ignorant of their striving or suffering. He saw them in their despair. That is why it might seem strange when it says that, "He meant to pass by them." This does not mean that Jesus intended to avoid them. On the contrary, Jesus was making Himself known to them. Mark is drawing an important connection to the book of Exodus.

When Moses requested to see the Lord, he was told yes, but with the exception that, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live... Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

In the next chapter we read, "The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.'" (Ex. 34:6)

Each of the four gospels highlight the deity of Jesus in different ways. Most famously the book of John highlights the seven 'I Am' statements of Jesus. This event is Mark's way of revealing that the same God who passed by Moses is now desiring to pass before the disciples. Jesus was revealing His glory by walking into their view on the water.

If you have been sent by the Lord into a storm, He has sent you with the same purpose as these disciples. Jesus is going to use that trial to reveal His glory to you. In your weakness Jesus will reveal His might. When Jesus entered the boat, He told the disciples, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." Are you going through one of those difficult seasons in life; a discouraging season, a season of illness, a season with relational tension, a season of difficulty with your children, or any other circumstantial mess that causes you to feel like you are rowing against the wind and running out of strength? If so, look up and see Jesus. He has not left you or forsaken you. He is your strength

and your shield. When you know that the Lord is with you, then you can truly fearlessly take heart in the face of the storm.

January 24 - Family Worship

Read Genesis 19

A NOTE FOR PARENTS: You may want to read this chapter for your children and soften some of the more challenging language or censor some of the more brutally wicked scenes such as the cry of the men of Sodom to rape the angels, or the daughters of Lot molesting their father.

Discussion Questions:

- What does the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah teach us about how God feels about sin? (He hates it with a fiery passion.)
- Why does God hate sin so much? (Because God is holy and pure and perfect, and sin is disgusting and offensive to Him.)
- God graciously led Lot and his family to safety. What other way do we see God deliver people from certain judgment and destruction? (God graciously saves sinners who deserve to go to hell.)
- God sent angels to get Lot and his family out of Sodom. What plan did God make to save people like us from judgement in hell? (God sent Jesus to save us from our sins and the judgment that they bring.)
- What happened to Lot's wife? (She was turned into a pillar of salt. Gross!) Why do you think that happened? (She looked longingly back on the city of sin rather than trusting God's rescue plan.)

Song: [Great God From Thee](#)

Prayer Focus: Confession of a **LACK OF ZEAL IN EVANGELISM**

Family Activity: 'Play Favorites'

Ask a few questions about each person's 'favorites.' (Sample Questions: What is your favorite story in Genesis so far? What is your favorite part of Abraham's life? What is your favorite mystery that starts in Genesis and unfolds in the New Testament? What is your favorite promise of God?)

Bible in a Year

- Read Jeremiah 39
- Read Jeremiah 40

January 25 Shepherding Notes – Mark 7

Today we are going to focus our attention on the interaction that Jesus had with a woman in verses 24-30. This would be the kind of person with whom every first century Jew would try to avoid contact. James Edwards hits the nail squarely on the head when he describes her this way in his commentary. “Of all the people who approach Jesus in the Gospel of Mark, this individual has the most against her from a Jewish perspective. VS. 26 reads like a crescendo of demerit; she is a woman, a Greek Gentile, from the infamous pagans of Syrian Phoenicia. Even Levi the tax collector must have raised his eyebrows at this woman.” No scribe or Pharisee or teacher of the law would ever be caught dead speaking to a person like this. Yet, Jesus does not have her taken away. Rather, He listens to her request.

So, what does she want? She falls down in worshipful humility before Jesus and begs Him to heal her daughter who is demon possessed. This woman has probably tried everything else. She lived in a land of idols. It is very possible that she had worship and prayed to them seeking restoration and wholeness for her daughter, but nothing she had ever tried worked.

We see this kind of request from many people in the gospels and the response is generally a willingness on the part of Jesus to heal immediately and completely. This is why it may shock you to read that Jesus responded to this woman by saying, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.”

We live in a society that loves dogs. We need to divorce ourselves from that kind of thinking for a few minutes. In these days the term dog was extremely derogatory. Dogs were much closer to coyotes than anything you have seen as a pet today. They were dangerous and disgusting. They were like vultures, always eating dead things Perhaps a word that would be more suitable in the English would be the word mongrel.

However, when Jesus says that this woman and her daughter are dogs, He does not use the traditional word. He uses a diminutive form of the word that is much more similar to our English word, puppy, or some scholars even think it could be well translated to mean pet. In other words, Jesus does refer to her as a dog, but He does so by removing the venom and racist hatred that usually accompanied it.

So why doesn't Jesus just heal her daughter? Why does He tell her this parable? I believe that I can discern two main reasons. The obvious reason is to make clear that the gospel was to the Jews first. (Rom. 1:16, Eph. 2:11-17) What Jesus is saying is about timing, not targeting. He does not, nor did He ever intend to withhold mercy from her. He is merely reminding her in a kind way that she is not part of the nation of Israel.

Secondly, Jesus is giving her an opportunity to display her genuine faith. This woman's faith stands in brilliant contrast to the unbelief of the scribes and Pharisees in the earlier parts of this chapter. If Jesus had just healed her daughter upon the first request, we would not be able to see the depths of faith this woman contained.

When Jesus said, “Let the children be fed FIRST...” the woman grasped onto that word and recognized that Jesus was good and planned to also care for her. She humbly requested to be

given just the scraps from the table of God. Her faith in Christ was strong enough that she believed even the smallest crumb from God's table would be enough to heal her daughter. And here is the best news. God has not given us scraps. He has graciously given us the most valuable gift that has or could ever be given: Jesus, God's own Son.

January 25 - Family Worship

Read Genesis 20

Discussion Questions:

- How did Abraham sin in this chapter? (He lied and pretended that Sarah was his sister.)
- Has Abraham done this before? (Yes) Do you see any similarities in what happened in this story and the events of Gen. 12:10-20? (God judged Abraham's enemies, even though Abraham was dishonest.)
- Do you ever repeat sins, even after confessing and repenting? Jesus died to pay for our sin, but also to free us from the power of sin. Since we are free from the controlling influence of sin, what are we supposed to do with sinful patterns in our life? (Kill them.) Can you think of any verses that talk about fighting sin and not returning to it? (Try: Rom. 6:12-13, Rom. 8:13, Rom. 12:2, Rom. 13:14) Do you notice that all of these are teaching us that we must have help from Jesus to fight sin? Through Jesus, we can fight the temptation to fall into a pattern of sin. What sin patterns do you need to fight in your life?

Song: [Is He Worthy?](#)

Prayer Focus: Confession of REPEATED SINS / SIN PATTERNS

Family Activity: Vocabulary Challenge Review (These are intentionally repeated from a previous week to help you firm up these vocabulary words.)

Starting from the youngest to the oldest, see who can accurately define the following words:

- Temptation (The process of the world, the flesh, and the devil trying to convince you to reject God's way.)
- The Fall (The sin of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3)
- Sin Nature (The effect of the fall on every single person who has been born from Adam's line. We are all born as sinners by nature, and sinners by choice.)
- Bonus challenge: Protoevangelium (This is a Latin word that means 'first gospel.' Genesis 3:15 is the first time God promised that the Messiah would come and make right what Adam and Eve had broken – so that verse is called the 'Protoevangelium.')

Bible in a Year

- Read Jeremiah 41
- Read Jeremiah 42

January 26 Shepherding Notes – Mark 8

Today we have reached one of the central metaphors that Jesus used to describe the Christian life. “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” (Mark 8:34) There are some who try to explain away the challenging nature of this passage by saying, this was a command for the 12 disciples. THEY were called to die for Jesus, but that is not what Christ calls us to do. But, please notice that this passage is talking to all people. Notice in verse 34, Jesus calls the crowds to Himself. What crowds? Jesus is in the land of the Gentiles. He is surrounded by idol worshipers, not just the 12 disciples. This call goes out for everyone. “IF ANYONE would come after me”this is what it looks like. God, through this verse, is speaking to YOU.

If we are not careful, we could easily misconstrue this metaphor. Let’s make sure to keep this quote in its context. What came right before this command to carry your cross? A promise from Jesus that He was going to carry His. Jesus had just finished informing them that He would suffer many things and be killed.

This command of Jesus is not a message about working hard until you make your way to God. He is not telling you to simply clean yourself up so that you will be acceptable to God. These words of Jesus show us what it looks like when we have been redeemed from our sin and brought into God’s family. God loved us so much that He did not leave us in our sin, but He sent Jesus to die in place of sinners. We must recognize that we are incapable of doing anything that is commanded in this passage apart from the saving grace that is given to us by God Himself. What does He command?

1. You Must Deny Yourself

Denying yourself does not mean ‘I’m not eating chocolate for LENT’ or I am just going to cut out TV or I am going to fast twice a week. It isn’t about giving up something you love. That would be far too minimal of an understanding of this text. I think Robert Stein says it the best when he says, “It is not the denial of ‘something’ but of ‘someone’ - oneself!” Self-denial means no less than ‘giving up’ all of your passions for sinful things, and ‘giving in’ to the King, Jesus Christ.

2. You Must Take Up Your Cross

The cross was a brutal form of torture designed to produce maximum pain until death. To carry your cross meant that every step you take you are getting closer to the end of yourself. It signifies the total relinquishing of your rights and ambitions. The call to discipleship is a call to come and die. Deny yourself speaks to putting something off. Taking up your cross indicates putting something on. You have a mission. If you have been saved, God has prepared good works in advance that you should walk in them. God has set forth suffering and circumstances that you would never chose for yourself. The daily battle for every Christian is to remember that we are not our own, but we were bought with a price. We willingly and voluntarily and decisively accept the pain and shame and persecution that God has prepared for us.

3. You Must Follow Him

Jesus is not asking us to do anything He has not already done for us. We can follow Him by carrying our cross because He already carried a cross up to Calvary. In order to follow Him, you need to look to Him. I believe that one of the reasons that Jesus speaks of following Him with the imagery

of the cross is because He is telling us to look to how He carried His cross. This is the way that Jesus was telling us that the gospel is of first importance.

January 26 - Family Worship

Read Genesis 21

Discussion Questions:

- How old was Abraham when Isaac was born? (100) We know that Sarah was 10 years younger than Abraham. How old was she when Isaac was born. (90 – possibly had already turned 91) Do you know anyone who has had children at that age? Obviously not, because there is a time when grown-ups get too old to have children. What does this miracle show about God? (That He is not hindered by human limitations. He is all powerful.)
- How old was Abraham when God promised to give offspring? Hint: Check Gen. 12:4 and 7.) How many years did God wait to fulfill His promise? (25) What does this tell us about God's promises and His timing? (God always works on His own timetable. He is never late. He intended to wait until they were old so that He could show His power.)
- In verse 6, it says that Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me." Think back, why would laughter be something that was on her mind? (She laughed when the Lord said she would have a son [Gen. 18:12] and pretended that she didn't, but the Lord gently rebuked her dishonesty [Gen. 18:15] She laughed at the Lord, but now the Lord has "made laughter for" her.)
- One day, God would send another Son of promise through a miracle pregnancy. But, that child would be different. Isaac was the Son of Abraham. Jesus would be the Son of God. All of the covenant promises that were made to Abraham were fulfilled in Jesus. In fact, the Bible goes so far as to say that if you follow Jesus, then you become a child of Abraham. Are you a follower of Jesus / Are you a child of Abraham?

Song: [Never Cease To Praise](#)

Prayer Focus: Confession of LACK OF LOVE FOR OTHERS

Family Activity: Memory Verse Challenge

Starting from the youngest to the oldest, see who can accurately quote our weekly memory verse:

Psalm 34:3-4

Bible in a Year

- Read Genesis 43
- Read Jeremiah 44

Shepherding Notes Track

- Read Job 4

Family Worship

Read Proverbs 4

- What are some of the differences between foolishness and wisdom that you see in this chapter?
- Which verse in this chapter can you apply today?

Prayer Focuses:

Christlikeness – (Sample – Lord, please help me to honor you by responding to temptation like Jesus did, not like Eve. Please help me to love you more than I love my own desires for earthly satisfaction.

Tomorrow’s Church Service – (Sample – Lord, please allow the church to worship well tomorrow. Let our flock rest well tonight so that we will have the energy to fellowship and hear the Word of God well.)

Family Activity: Quiz over this week’s reading: (Points are for fun. Use them if they are helpful, discard them if not. (answers on the reverse side of this page.)

10 Points – God changed Abram to Abraham and _____ to Sarah.

20 Points – What was Hagar’s son named?

30 Points – What did Sarah do when she heard the Lord say that she would have a son?

50 Points – When Abraham asked the Lord to spare Sodom, he started by asking to show mercy if there were at least 50 righteous people there. Abraham lowered that number several times. What was the lowest number he asked about?

10 Points – Who went to Sodom to save Lot and his family?

20 Points – When Lot’s wife turned and looked back, what did she become?

30 Points – How did Abimelech discover that Sarah was actually Abraham’s wife?

20 Points – What does the name ‘Isaac’ mean?

10 Points – Which of Abraham’s children was the child of promise that inherited the covenant?

30 Points – When Hagar laid her son down to die and cried out to the Lord, how did the Lord bless her and save her and Ishmael?

Bible in a Year

- Read Jeremiah 45
- Read Jeremiah 46

Answers Key:

10 Points – God changed Abram to Abraham and _____ to Sarah.

Sarai

20 Points – What was Hagar’s son named?

Ishmael

30 Points – What did Sarah do when she heard the Lord say that she would have a son?

She Laughed

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Two Angels

20 Points – When Lot’s wife turned and looked back, what did she become?

A Pillar of Salt

30 Points – How did Abimelech discover that Sarah was actually Abraham’s wife?

The Lord revealed it in a dream.

20 Points – What does the name ‘Isaac’ mean?

Laughter

10 Points – Which of Abraham’s children was the child of promise that inherited the covenant?

Isaac

30 Points – When Hagar laid her son down to die and cried out to the Lord, how did the Lord bless her and save her and Ishmael?

“God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.”
