

## “The Story” Study – Genesis

### Class 2: Chapters 2-3

#### Chapter 2: God Builds a Nation

1. DVD – Session 2

2. Chapter 2 Highlights:

- a. When Abram was 75 years old and Sarai was 65 years old, *as well as unable to have children*, the LORD called Abram to leave his country and go to a land the LORD would show him. Amazing, Abram demonstrated trust in the LORD by obeying Him. How do you think you would have responded to the LORD? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. In chapter 14, the LORD gave Abram a victory along with various goods gained in the battle. Then Abram gave Melchizedek, a priest of God Most High, a tenth of everything. That fits the LORD’s later statement through Moses, “A tithe of everything...belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD” (Lev 27:30 NIV).
- c. The LORD said to Abram, “...a son coming from your own body will be your heir.” Then the Bible says that “Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness” (Gen. 15:4, 6 NIV). So the LORD considered Abram righteous because he believed; the LORD is calling everyone to repent and believe Him, thus His Word about our sin and His salvation through Jesus.
- d. After 10 years and no son, Sarai encouraged Abram to try to have a son with Hagar, who was the mistress of Sarai. Have you ever tried to help God out by bending His will, His Word? Y N How did that work out? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Name changes: Abram (99) to Abraham; Sarai (89) to Sarah
- f. Circumcision – a reminder of: “...the sign of the covenant between me and you.”
- g. The LORD commanded Abraham to offer Isaac as a sacrifice; amazingly Abraham believed and obeyed, but the LORD intervened and provided a ram. The account of Abraham and Isaac points to God the Father sacrificing His Son for our salvation!
- h. Abraham > Isaac > Jacob (Israel) > 12 sons and their descendants become the 12 tribes of Israel, then the nation of Israel.

## Chapter 3: Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh

1. DVD – Session 3
2. Chapter 3 Highlights:
  - a. Joseph was sent from the Valley of Hebron to Shechem, a trip of about 60 miles.
  - b. Joseph’s brothers wanted to kill him – because he was favored over them by their father Jacob and he said they would bow down to him. But Judah intervened to spare his life. Jesus is from the line of Judah; Jesus intervened to save us from our sins!
  - c. Joseph went through many difficulties – slavery, temptation, and prison – yet the LORD blessed him. Finally he became second in line to Pharaoh, so the LORD could use him to provide for many during a coming famine.
  - d. Eventually Joseph’s family moved to Egypt. After Jacob died, the brothers of Joseph feared he would kill them. But Joseph said to them, *“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives” (Gen 50:20 NIV)*. So let us accept God’s will for our lives, no matter what!
3. Assignment: Read chapters 4-5