

**OPEN DOOR BAPTIST
CHURCH**

**COMMUNITY GROUP
STUDY**

GENESIS

CHAPTERS 12-24

FALL 2011

Using the Community Groups Devotional Journal

1. Find a distraction free environment. Studies have shown that a consistent time and place will increase effectiveness in the devotional life.
2. Turn in your journal to the date page.
3. Read the text several times, marking words and phrases that catch your attention, or bring up questions.
4. Journal your thoughts about the passage:
 - a. (remember - this is not an English theme...it is for you alone)

Here are some examples of journaling approaches:

- ☞ *Answer a few questions: Who is the passage about?*
- ☞ *What is going on? Where/When is this happening? Why?*
- ☞ *Write down your questions*
- ☞ *Notice common themes/phrases*
- ☞ *Connect the passage with issues in today's culture*
- ☞ *Try to see how the passage might apply to you, in your everyday life*
- ☞ *Write out a response in prayer*
- ☞ *Seek God in the text.*

5. After you have *devotion* - go to the index pages in the front of your journal and try to title your reflections on the appropriate week/day line.

Example:

Date	Passage	Title	Study
May 2	John 3:1-16	God's faithfulness	*
May 3			

6. If God spoke to you in a strong way, or you simply needed more time for further study - place a star in the last column and come back later when time allows.
7. Fill out the prayer page - and pray!

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Genesis 13:1-7

October 28, 2011

Abram and Lot Separate

13:1 So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb.

2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. **3** And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, **4** to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the Lord. **5** And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, **6** so that the land could not support both of them dwelling together; for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together, **7** and there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites were dwelling in the land.

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Genesis 13:12-18

November 1, 2011

12 Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom. 13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the Lord.

14 The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, “Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, 15 for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. 16 I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. 17 Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.” 18 So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the Lord.

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Genesis 14:1-7

November 2, 2011

Abram Rescues Lot

14:1 In the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, **2** these kings made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). **3** And all these joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). **4** Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled. **5** In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, **6** and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as El-paran on the border of the wilderness. **7** Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh) and defeated all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazon-tamar.

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Genesis 14:8-12

November 3, 2011

8 Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim **9** with Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five. **10** Now the Valley of Siddim was full of ibitumen pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into them, and the rest fled to the hill country. **11** So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. **12** They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way.

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Genesis 14:13-16

November 4, 2011

13 Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks¹ of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram. **14** When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. **15** And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. **16** Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.

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The Rest of the Genesis Study

Chapters 14-24

Name _____

Title page is at the end of the study. Remember you want to make a title for each day of the study.

Genesis 14:17-20

November 7, 2011

Abram Blessed by Melchizedek

17 After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). **18** And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) **19** And he blessed him and said,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;

20 and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!”
And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

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21 And the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself.” **22** But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have lifted my hand to the Lord, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, **23** that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich.’ **24** I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share.”

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Genesis 15:1-6

November 9, 2011

Genesis 15

God's Covenant with Abram

1After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." 4And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." 5And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 6And he believed the

LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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7And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess."

8But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" 9He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. 11And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

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Genesis 15:12-20

November 11, 2011

12As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him.

13Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. **14**But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. **15**As for yourself, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. **16**And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

17When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these

Sermon Notes & God sightings from the week

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Genesis 16:3- 6

November 15, 2011

3So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. 4And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. 5And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me!" 6But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.

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7The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. 8And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai." 9The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her." 10The angel of the LORD also said to her, "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude." 11And the angel of the LORD said to her, "Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has listened to your affliction. 12He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against

everyone

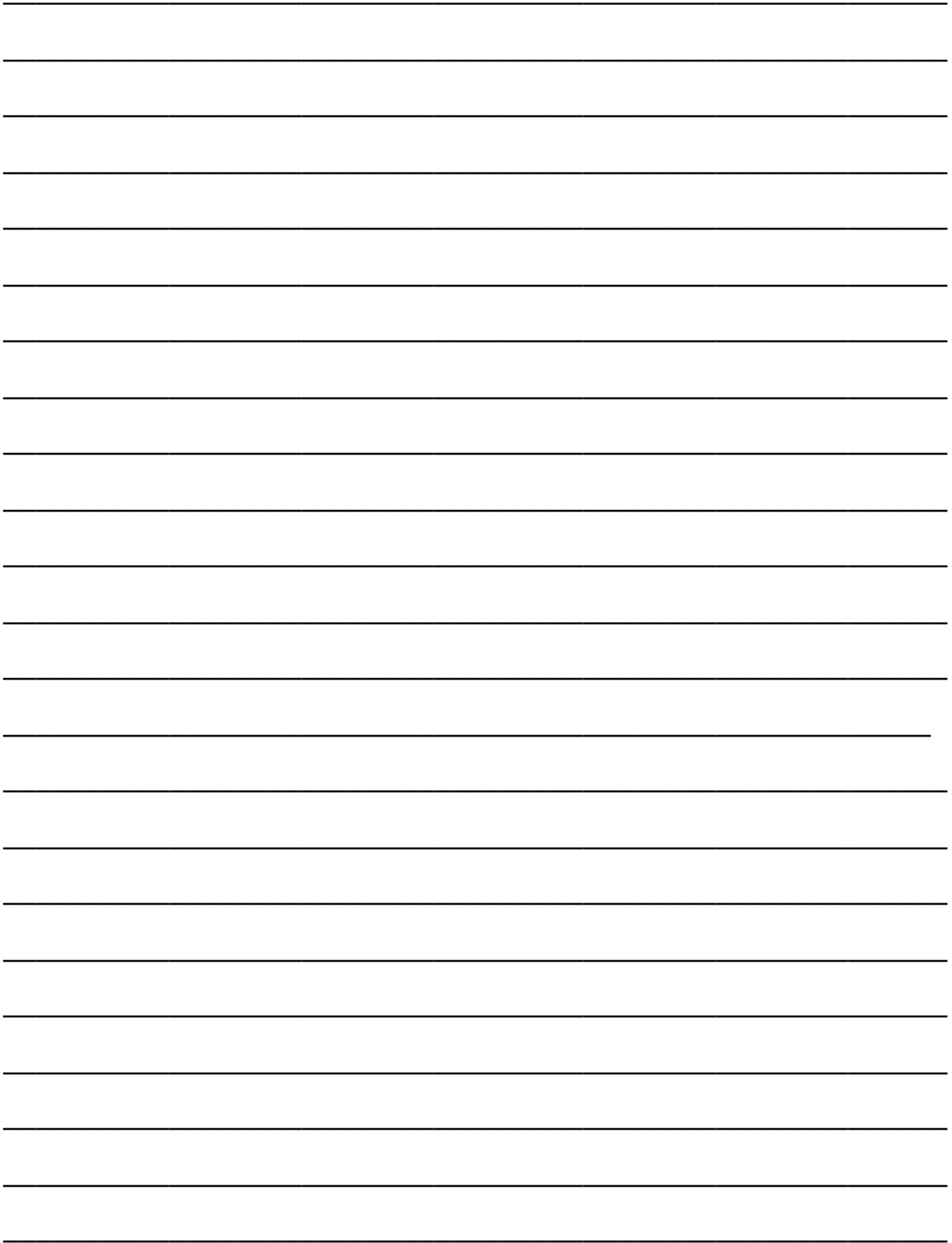
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13 So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "You are a God of seeing," for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me." **14** Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

15 And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. **16** Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.



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Genesis 17:1- 8

November 18, 2011

Genesis 17

Abraham and the Covenant of Circumcision

1When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty;

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Prayer Requests

Genesis 17:9- 14

November 21, 2011

9And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout

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Isaac's Birth Promised

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18And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" **19**God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall

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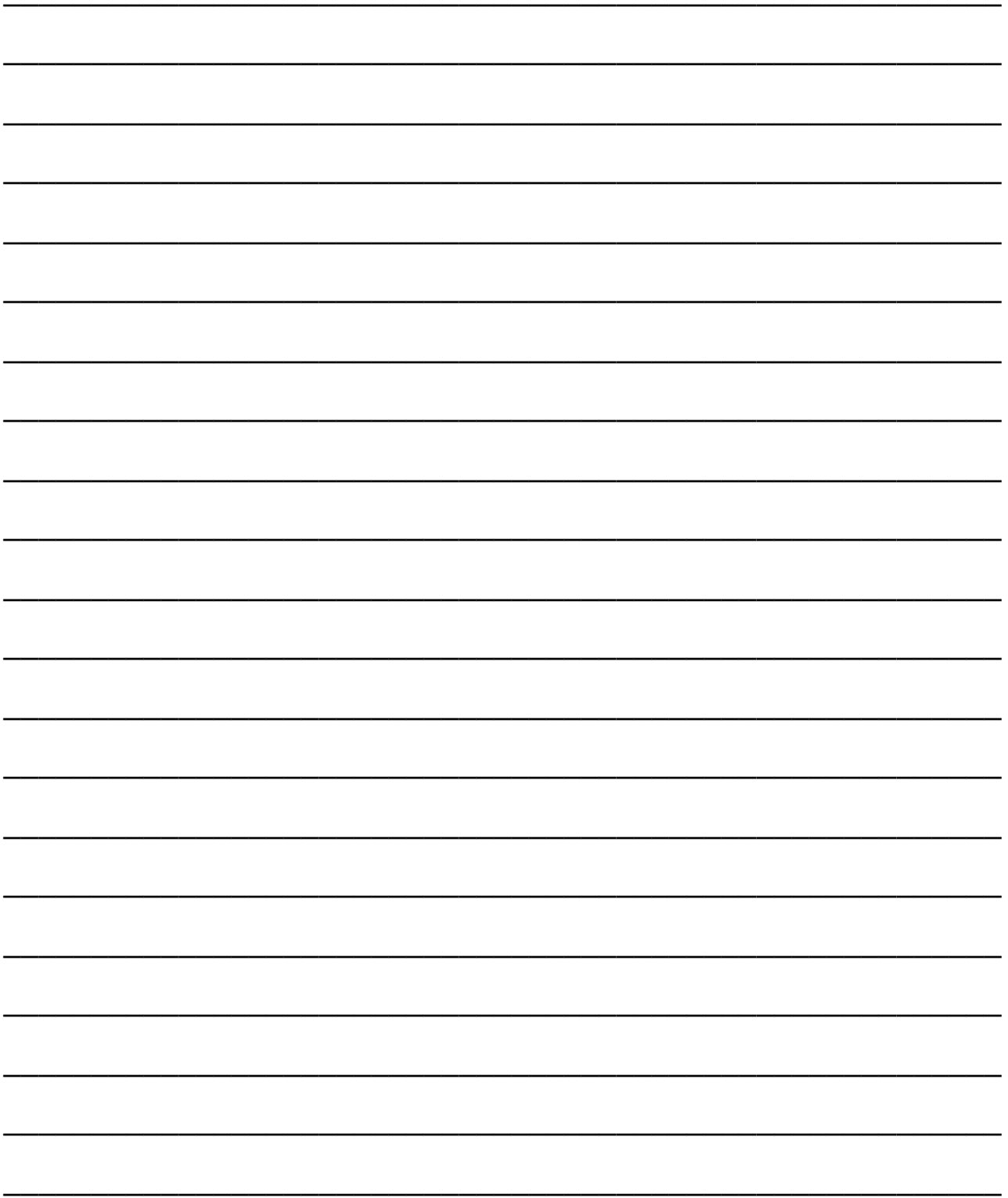
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Genesis 18:12-15

November 30, 2011

12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" **13**The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' **14** Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." **15**But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

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Genesis 18:16-19

December 1, 2011

16Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. **17**The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, **18**seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? **19**For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him."

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Genesis 18:22-26

December 5, 2011

Abraham Intercedes for Sodom

22 So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. **23** Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? **24** Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? **25** Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" **26** And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

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27Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.

28Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." **29**Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." **30**Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." **31**He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." **32**Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." **33**And the LORD went his way, when he had

finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

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Genesis 19

God Rescues Lot

1The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth 2and said, "My lords, please turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you may rise up early and go on your way." They said, "No; we will spend the night in the town square." 3But he pressed them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house. And he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

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4But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house. 5 And they called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them." 6 Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him, 7 and said, "I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. 8 Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please. Only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof."

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9But they said, "Stand back!" And they said, "This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them." Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down. 10But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. 11And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door.

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Genesis 19:12-14

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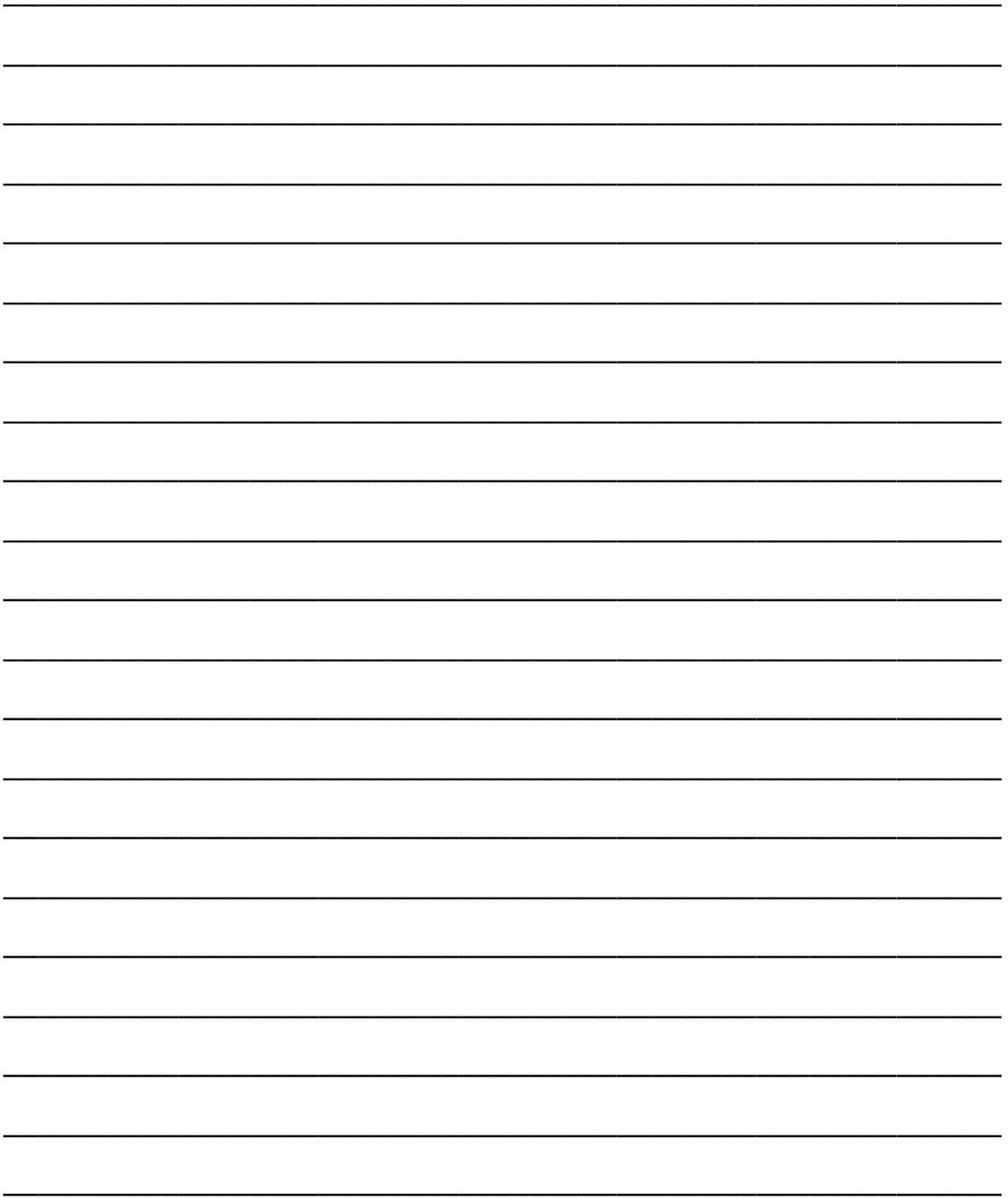
12 Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, bring them out of the place. 13 For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it." 14 So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, "Up! Get out of this place, for the LORD is about to destroy the city." But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting.

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Genesis 19:15-17

December 13, 2011

15As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city." **16**But he lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. **17**And as they brought them out, one said, "Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away."



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Genesis 19:18-22

December 14, 2011

18And Lot said to them, "Oh, no, my lords. **19**Behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life. But I cannot escape to the hills, lest the disaster overtake me and I die.

20Behold, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one. Let me escape there—is it not a little one?—and my life will be saved!" **21**He said to him, "Behold, I grant

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God Destroys Sodom

23The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar.

24Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven. 25And he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of

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Genesis 19:27-29

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27And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD. 28And he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the valley, and he looked and, behold, the smoke of the

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Prayer Requests

Sermon Notes & God sightings from the week

30Now Lot went up out of Zoar and lived in the hills with his two daughters, for he was afraid to live in Zoar. So he lived in a cave with his two daughters. **31**And the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man on earth to come in to us after the manner of all the earth. **32**Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve offspring from our father." **33**So they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father. He did not know when she lay down or when she arose. **34**The next day, the firstborn said to the younger, "Behold, I lay last night with my father. Let us make him drink wine tonight also. Then you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve offspring from our father." **35**So they made their father drink wine that night also. And the younger arose and lay with him, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose. **36**Thus both the daughters of Lot became pregnant by their father. **37**The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab. He is the father of the Moabites to this day. **38**The younger also bore a son and called his name Ben-ammi. He is the father of the Ammonites to this day.

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Genesis 20

Abraham and Abimelech

1From there Abraham journeyed toward the territory of the Negeb and lived between Kadesh and Shur; and he sojourned in Gerar. 2And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. 3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, "Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man's wife." 4Now Abimelech had not approached her. So he said, "Lord, will you kill an innocent people? 5Did he not himself say to me, 'She is my sister'? And she herself said, 'He is my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands I have done this." 6Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that you have done this in the integrity of your heart, and it was I who kept you from sinning against me. Therefore I did not let you touch her. 7Now then, return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, so that he will pray for you, and you shall live. But if you do not return her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours."

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8So Abimelech rose early in the morning and called all his servants and told them all these things. And the men were very much afraid. **9**Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, "What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me things that ought not to be done." **10**And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What did you see, that you did this thing?" **11**Abraham said, "I did it because I thought, There is no fear of God at all in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife. **12**Besides, she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father though not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife. **13**And when God caused me to wander from my father's house, I said to her, 'This is the kindness you must do me: at every place to which we come, say of me, He is my brother.'"

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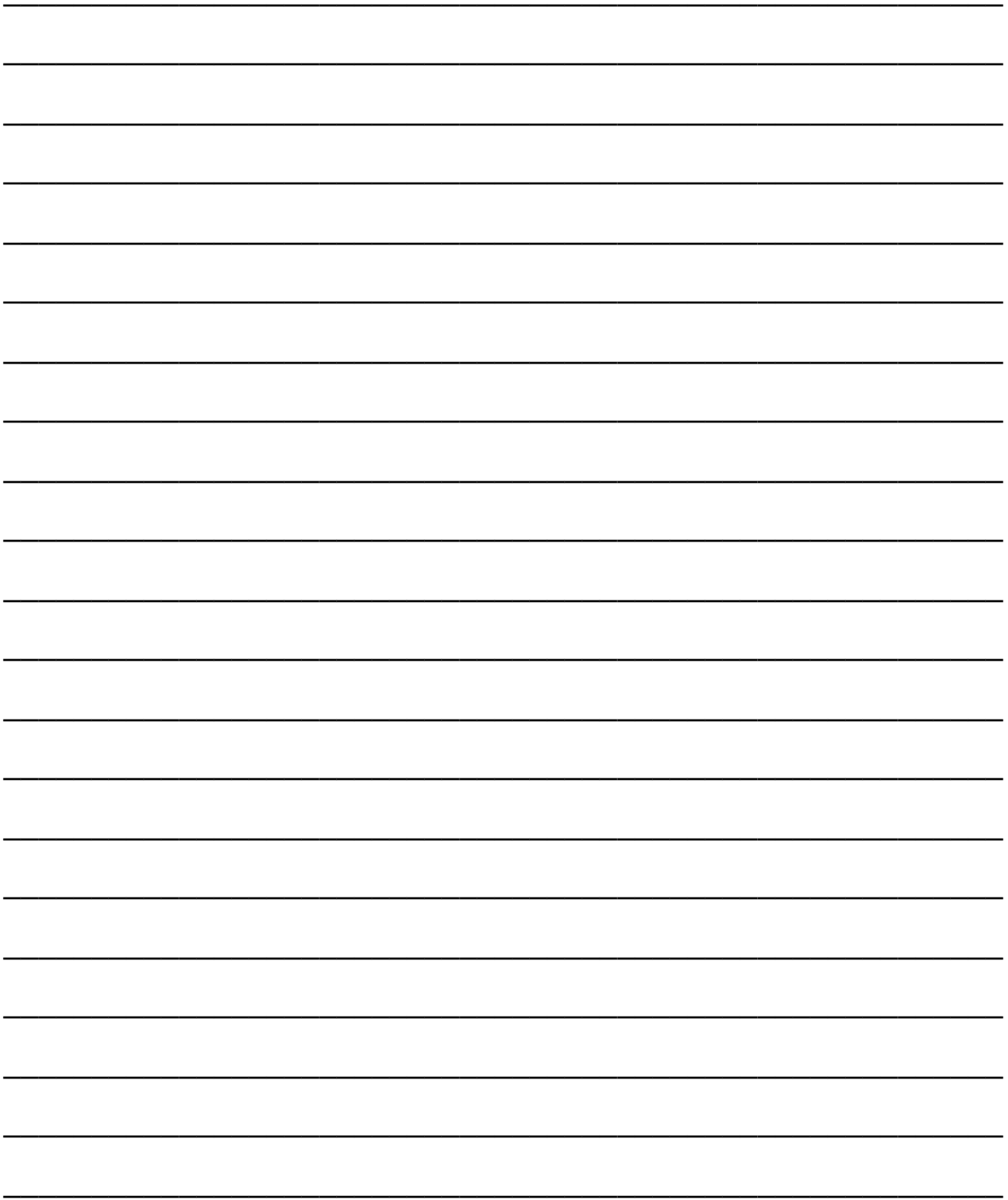
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Genesis 21:8-14

December 26, 2011

God Protects Hagar and Ishmael

8And the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. 9But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. 10So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac." 11And the thing was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son. 12But God said to Abraham, "Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for through Isaac shall your offspring be named. 13And I will make a nation of the son of the slave woman also, because he is your offspring." 14So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

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Genesis 21:15-21

December 27, 2011

15When the water in the skin was gone, she put the child under one of the bushes. **16**Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Let me not look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. **17**And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. **18**Up! Lift up the boy, and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make him into a great nation." **19**Then 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. **20**And God was with the boy, and he grew up. He lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. **21**He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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Genesis 21:22-26

December 28, 2011

A Treaty with Abimelech

22At that time Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army said to Abraham, "God is with you in all that you do. **23**Now therefore swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me or with my descendants or with my posterity, but as I have dealt kindly with you, so you will deal with me and with the land where you have sojourned." **24**And Abraham said, "I will swear."

25When Abraham reproved Abimelech about a well of water that Abimelech's servants had seized, **26**Abimelech said, "I do not know who has done this thing; you did not tell me, and I have not heard of it until today."

Genesis 21:27-34

December 29, 2011

27So Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to Abimelech, and the two men made a covenant. **28**Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock apart. **29**And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What is the meaning of these seven ewe lambs that you have set apart?" **30**He said, "These seven ewe lambs you will take from my hand, that this may be a witness for me that I dug this well." **31**Therefore that place was called Beersheba, because there both of them swore an oath. **32**So they made a covenant at Beersheba. Then Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army rose up and returned to the land of the Philistines. **33**Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God. **34**And Abraham sojourned many days in the land of the Philistines.

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Genesis 22:1-8

December 30, 2011

Genesis 22

The Sacrifice of Isaac

1After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." 2He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." 3So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. 5Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." 6And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. 7And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

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Genesis 22:9-14

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9When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." 12He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." 13And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

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Genesis 22:15-24

January 3, 2012

15And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven **16**and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, **17**I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, **18**and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." **19**So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

20Now after these things it was told to Abraham, "Behold, Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor: **21** Uz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram, **22**Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel." **23**(Bethuel fathered Rebekah.) These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother. **24**Moreover, his concubine, whose name was Reumah, bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.

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Genesis 23

Sarah's Death and Burial

1 Sarah lived 127 years; these were the years of the life of Sarah. 2 And Sarah died at Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her. 3 And Abraham rose up from before his dead and said to the Hittites, 4 "I am a sojourner and foreigner among you; give me property among you for a burying place, that I may bury my dead out of my sight." 5 The Hittites answered Abraham, 6 "Hear us, my lord; you are a prince of God among us. Bury your dead in the choicest of our tombs. None of us will withhold from you his tomb to hinder you from burying your dead." 7 Abraham rose and bowed to the Hittites, the people of the land. 8 And he said to them, "If you are willing that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me and entreat for me Ephron the son of Zohar, 9 that he may give me the

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10 Now Ephron was sitting among the Hittites, and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the Hittites, of all who went in at the gate of his city, 11 "No, my lord, hear me: I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. In the sight of the sons of my people I give it to you. Bury your dead." 12 Then Abraham bowed down before the people of the land. 13 And he said to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, "But if you will, hear me: I give the price of the field. Accept it from me, that I may bury my dead there." 14 Ephron answered Abraham, 15 "My lord, listen to me: a piece of land worth four hundred shekels of silver, what is that between you and me? Bury your dead." 16 Abraham listened to Ephron, and Abraham weighed out for Ephron the silver that he had named in the hearing of the Hittites, four hundred shekels of silver, according to the weights current among the merchants.

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17So the field of Ephron in Machpelah, which was to the east of Mamre, the field with the cave that was in it and all the trees that were in the field, throughout its whole area, was made over **18**to Abraham as a possession in the presence of the Hittites, before all who went in at the gate of his city. **19**After this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah east of Mamre (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan. **20**The field and the cave that is in it were made over to Abraham as property for a burying place by the Hittites.

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6 Abraham said to him, "See to it that you do not take my son back there. 7 The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me, 'To your offspring I will give this land,' he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. 8 But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there." 9 So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

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10Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, taking all sorts of choice gifts from his master; and he arose and went to Mesopotamia to the city of Nahor. **11**And he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time when women go out to draw water. **12**And he said, "O LORD, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. **13**Behold, I am standing by the spring of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. **14**Let the young woman to whom I shall say, 'Please let down your jar that I may drink,' and who shall say,

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15 Before he had finished speaking, behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her water jar on her shoulder. **16** The young woman was very attractive in appearance, a maiden whom no man had known. She went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up. **17** Then the servant ran to meet her and said, "Please give me a little water to drink from your jar." **18** She said, "Drink, my lord." And she quickly let down her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink. **19** When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will draw water for your camels also,

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22When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold ring weighing a half shekel, and two bracelets for her arms weighing ten gold shekels, 23and said, "Please tell me whose daughter you are. Is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?" 24She said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor." 25She added, "We have plenty of both straw and fodder, and room to spend the night." 26 The man bowed his head and worshiped the LORD 27and said, "Blessed be

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33Then food was set before him to eat. But he said, "I will not eat until I have said what I have to say." He said, "Speak on."

34So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. **35**The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become great. He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male

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42" I came today to the spring and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you are prospering the way that I go, 43 behold, I am standing by the spring of water. Let the virgin who comes out to draw water, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," 44 and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw

for your camels also," let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

45"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew water. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.'
46She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I will give your camels drink also.'
47Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.'
So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms.
48 Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to take the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.
49Now then, if you are going to show steadfast love and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left."

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50Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, "The thing has come from the LORD; we cannot speak to you bad or good. **51**Behold, Rebekah is before you; take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has spoken."

52When Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed

himself to the earth before the LORD. **53**And the servant brought out jewelry of silver and of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments. **54**And he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night there. When they arose in the morning, he said, "Send me away to my master." **55**Her brother and her mother said, "Let the young woman remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go." **56**But he said to them, "Do not delay me, since the LORD has prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master." **57**They said, "Let us call the young woman and ask her." **58**And they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will go." **59**So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse, and Abraham's servant and his men. **60**And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,
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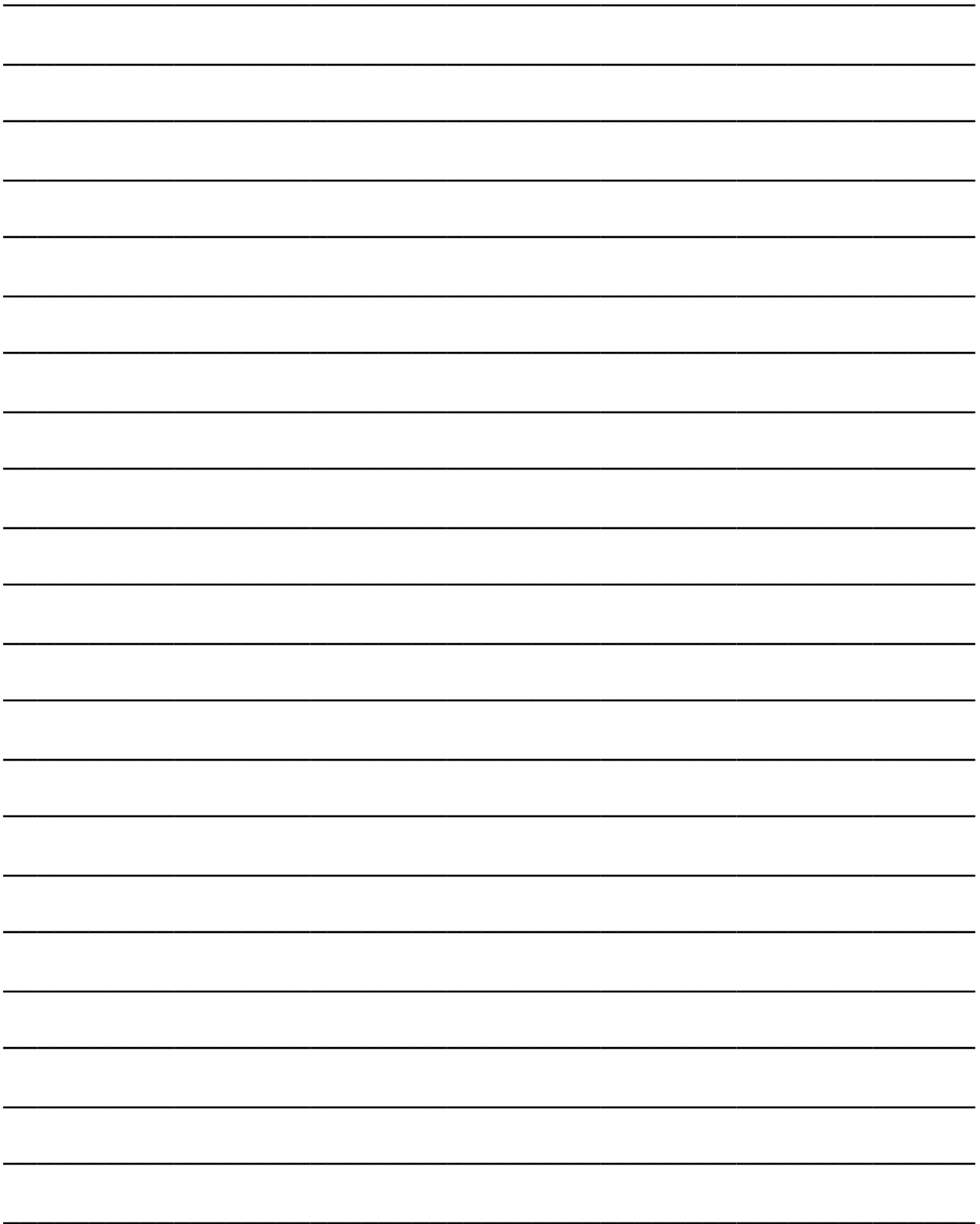
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61 Then Rebekah and her young women arose and rode on the camels and followed the man. Thus the servant took Rebekah and went his way.

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