

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

CHILDREN'S TALK

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our fellow men,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through ignorance, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve you
In newness of life
To the glory of your name. Amen.

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NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and crèche)

RESPONSIVE READING: Romans 5:8-10

SONG: How Deep The Father's Love For Us

READING: Genesis 20:1-18 (pg. 14)

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: We Have A Lamb

COMMUNION

SONG: His Mercy Is More

BLESSING

NOTICES

Services Over Summer

From 31st July-4th September, morning services will be held in the Stephen Lawrence building of the Old Royal Naval College. There will be no afternoon services during August.

Prayer Gathering

This Wednesday at 7:45pm we meet downstairs in our usual Greenwich venue for our monthly Prayer Gathering. All welcome!

Summer Fellowship

Grace Groups will not meet for the last 3 weeks in July. In August we'll meet on Wednesday evenings to learn about inspiring Christians of the 18th century. We plan to meet at 7.45pm in the King William Building, Greenwich.

3rd August: John Newton

20th August: George Whitefield

17th August: William Wilberforce

24th August: William Cowper

31st August: Selina Countess of Huntingdon

Giving

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Fellowship Fund

Grace Church has a fund to support members who are facing financial difficulty. See www.greenwich.church/give for information on donating to the fund. Scan the QR code to access the Fellowship Fund application form.



Next Sunday, 10th July: Genesis 21



Welcome!

Sunday 3rd July 2022

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost."

1 Timothy 1:15 (ESV)

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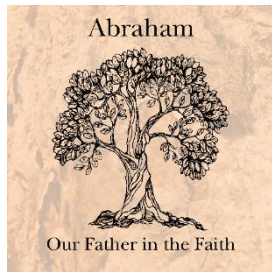
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Genesis 20:1-18 (ESV)



20 From there Abraham journeyed toward the territory of the Negeb and lived between Kadesh and Shur; and he sojourned in Gerar. ² And 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.” ⁴ Now Abimelech had not

approached her. So he said, “Lord, will you kill an innocent people? ⁵ Did 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.” ⁶ Then 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. ⁷ Now 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.”

⁸ So 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.’”

¹⁴ Then Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and male servants and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and returned Sarah his wife to him. ¹⁵ And Abimelech said, “Behold, my land is before you; dwell where it pleases you.” ¹⁶ To Sarah he said, “Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. It is a sign of your innocence in the eyes of all who are with you, and before everyone you are vindicated.” ¹⁷ Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, and also healed his wife and female slaves so that they bore children. ¹⁸ For the Lord had closed all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

What kind of testimonies do we like?

1. The Lord is faithful despite our continued failures
2. and He can still use us in bringing blessing to His enemies
3. Even though it's hard, we can continue to trust Him

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

In what ways is it encouraging to hear “messy” testimonies?

How can we learn to encourage one another whilst we're still in the middle of the struggles?