



# The Notes

## FAMILY disFUNction

### Week 1 - "God Brings the FUN from dysFUNction"

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*"So please tell them you are my sister. Then they will spare my life and treat me well because of their interest in you."*

**Genesis 12:13** (NLT)

*"Abraham introduced his wife, Sarah, by saying, 'She is my sister.' So King Abimelech of Gerar sent for Sarah and had her brought to him at his palace."*

**Genesis 20:2** (NLT)

## GOD WORKS THOUGH US, IN SPIE OF OUR DYSFUNCTION, WHEN...

### 1. ...WE TAKE \_\_\_\_\_ TOWARDS HIM.

*"So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran."*

**Genesis 12:4** (NLT)

*"This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command."*

2. ...HE HAS \_\_\_\_\_ TO US.

*“Then the Lord said to him, ‘No, your servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of your own who will be your heir.’ Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, ‘Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That’s how many descendants you will have!’ And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith. Then the Lord told him, ‘I am the Lord who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as your possession.’”*

**Genesis 15:4-7 (NLT)**

*“By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world’s corruption caused by human desires.”*

**2 Peter 1:3-4 (NLT)**

3. ...HE HAS \_\_\_\_\_ IN HIM.

*“Some time later, God tested Abraham’s faith. ‘Abraham!’ God called. ‘Yes,’ he replied. ‘Here I am.’ ‘Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you.’ The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac. Then he chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked*

*up and saw the place in the distance. 'Stay here with the donkey,' Abraham told the servants.' The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back.'* So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac's shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together, Isaac turned to Abraham and said, 'Father?' 'Yes, my son?' Abraham replied. 'We have the fire and the wood,' the boy said, 'but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?' 'God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son,' Abraham answered. And they both walked on together. When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham! Abraham!' 'Yes,' Abraham replied. 'Here I am!' 'Don't lay a hand on the boy!' the angel said. 'Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son.'"

**Genesis 22:1-12** (NLT)

*"Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead."*

**Hebrews 11:19** (NLT)