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## **The Binding of Isaac**

Pastor Jeff - September 17, 2017

- 1) **The Six C's:** This is a love story. It is the first time in the Bible that we encounter the Hebrew word for love, Aheb.
- 2) **Creation:** God outdoes Himself. We see God reveal His love for us in creation. God is constantly doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves.
- 3) **Catastrophe:** Whatever God wills, speaks, and makes is good. It is also free. We used our freedom to rebel. The Catastrophe was more than the fall or the flood. The true catastrophe is that we broke relationship with God.
- 4) **Covenant:** The moment we broke it, God already had a plan in place to fix it. Beginning with Noah, God begins to rebuild relationship with us through Covenant.
- 5) **Blood Covenant:** God shows us through blood covenant that His desire is for us to be in an unbreakable relationship with Him forever.
- 6) **Blood Covenant Class starts Tuesday, September 26, 7PM here at GSLC.**
- 7) **God speaks His will again:** God begins the covenant process with Abram by making promises/oaths/vows to him. Those promises aren't just for the benefit of Abram. They are for the whole world. "Through you the nations will be blessed."
- 8) **Trust:** God spends the next 25 years proving to Abram that He never lies, He keeps His promises, and that everything He says is. He repeats the vows and in Genesis 15 God cuts covenant with Abram whom He will soon rename Abraham.
- 9) **Trust:** God already knows that Abraham is faithful and obedient. The Binding of Isaac is a test of Abraham's faith, but more than that, it is a future look at how God is and will keep His promise through Jesus Christ on the cross.
- 10) **Faithfulness:** God proves His love and faithfulness in the Binding of Isaac and in Jesus Christ the lamb who takes away the sin of the world. Abraham proved his love and faithfulness by being obedient to God which shows how clearly he believed God.
- 11) **How do I trust God when I am weak in faith and spiritually confused?**
- 12) Behold the lamb of God
- 13) Be filled with the Holy Spirit
- 14) Testify to Jesus