## Genesis – "Family, Family, Family!" Genesis 25:1-18

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Family! There are always the changes of "seasons" within the progression of "Family" – it never stays static! Values, attitudes, processes, habit patterns, actions, and yes, the chain of sin is all passed down from one generation to another. Sometimes these are passed down by 'familial culture' – sometimes it is in reaction or rejection of the same – but "apples do not tend to fall far from the tree". [Ref. sermon dated 06-01-14 & 12-08-19]

**Context:** Isaac now has a wife - Rebekah, his distant cousin - and we see that "he loved her; thus Isaac was comforted after his mother's death". What a joyous occasion to see another chapter of Family end and the next begin - hardships? Yes! Adjustments? Ubetcha! The future hope continuing to come nearer? Of course! Life goes on . . .

## Genesis 25:1-2

Vs.3-4

Vs.5-6

Vs.7-10

V.11

Vs.12-18

All along, we have been saying, "Abraham's faith-walk is characterized as \_\_\_\_\_\_." Yet, in the midst of his faithfulness, which was not always faithful, Abe's Adonai, El Elyon, El Shaddai, has proved Himself to <u>be faithful to His word</u>: "I will be your shield; I will curse those who curse you and bless those who bless you; you will not be able to count your descendants; I will make you a blessing to the whole world." And He has and He is!

A while back, your homework was to take some time and ponder the promises and/or the blessings of the Lord in your life and, thus recognize His faithfulness. This would be a great time to review that (or to do it)!!! Blessings!

(Isn't that an interesting greeting and salutation?!)

What part of this passage "caught your attention"?

Is God saying something to you? What is it?

How will you respond?