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Summary

God's purpose for Abraham's family was to establish a legacy of generational faithfulness that would bring blessing to the world. When we look at the first three generations of Abraham's family, however, we see more failures than faithfulness. But God was still faithful to his promises.

The families of the patriarchs are real-life examples of God's vision for our families. Together, let's urge our children and grandchildren "to keep the way of the Lord" so we can all play our part in God's mission to bring blessing to the world.

1. God's **Purpose** for Families Is Generational **Faithfulness**.
2. God's **Plan** for Families Is Generational **Formation**.
3. God's **Promises** to Families Overcome Generational **Failures**.

Reflection Questions

1. Describe God's purpose for Abraham's family. How are the families of the patriarchs an example of God's vision for our families?
2. Did your parents teach you to "keep the way of the Lord"? If so, what did this look like?
3. If you are a parent or grandparent, in what ways are you seeking the spiritual formation of your kids or grandkids?
4. What challenges or obstacles do you face in leading your family spiritually?
5. How might those who do not have children of their own participate in God's vision for generational formation and faithfulness?
6. All families fail. There are no perfect parents. But we are held by a faithful God. How do you need to rest in this assurance that God is faithful to his promises, no matter what?