# THE GODO ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB ps.john snelgrove





# God Thinks Generationally

- God thinks not only of former generations, but also of future generations
- We as a worldwide church have paid little regard to the consequences of our decisions and actions, and how they will impact the children who are to follow us

## NOT God's Plan for the Church!



#### The Head:

- Younger generation
- Sharp and pointed
- Pioneers

#### The Tail / Feathers:

- Older generation
- Bring wisdom
- Guides

#### The Shaft:

- Middle generation
- Bring stability and direction
- Connectors

<sup>17</sup>神說:在末後的日子,我要將我的靈 澆灌凡有血氣的。你們的兒女要說預言; 你們的少年人要見異象;老年人要做異夢。 **使徒行傳 2:17** 

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Acts 2:17





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<sup>1</sup> These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, <sup>2</sup> so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.

**Deuteronomy 6:1-2** 

<sup>3</sup>以色列阿,你要聽,要謹守遵行,使你可以 在那流奶與蜜之地得以享福,人數極其增多, 正如耶和華一你列祖的神所應許你的。
申命記 6:3

<sup>3</sup> Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you. Deuteronomy 6:3 <sup>4</sup>以色列阿,你要聽!耶和華一我們神是獨一的主。 <sup>5</sup>你要盡心、盡性、盡力愛耶和華一你的神。 <sup>6</sup>我今日所吩咐你的話都要記在心上, <sup>7</sup><sup>a</sup>也要殷勤教訓你的兒女。 **申命記 6:4-7a** 

<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7α</sup> Impress them on your children.

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申命記 6:7b-9

Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

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<sup>9</sup>所以,你要知道耶和華一你的神,他是神, 是信實的神;向愛他、守他誡命的人守約, 施慈愛,直到千代;

申命記**7:9** 

<sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. Deuteronomy 7:9

## Why Are Covenants Important to Us Today?



# Abraham, Isaac, Jacob

耶和華對亞伯蘭說:你要離開本地、本族、父家, 往我所要指示你的地去。<sup>2</sup>我必叫你成為大國。我必 賜福給你,叫你的名為大;你也要叫別人得福。

#### 創世記12:1-2

<sup>1</sup> The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.
<sup>2</sup> "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

**Genesis 12:1-2** 

<sup>3</sup>為你祝福的,我必賜福與他;那咒詛你的 我必咒詛他。地上的萬族都要因你得福。
創世記12:3

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:3 <sup>12</sup>神對亞伯拉罕說:你不必為這童子和你的使女 憂愁。凡撒拉對你說的話,你都該聽從; 因為從以撒生的,才要稱為你的後裔。 創世記 21:12

<sup>12</sup> But God said to him, "Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. Genesis 21:12 <sup>3</sup>你寄居在這地,我必與你同在,賜福給你,因為我要將這些地都賜給你和你的後裔。 我必堅定我向你父亞伯拉罕所起的誓。
創世記26:3

<sup>3</sup> Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. **Genesis 26:3**  <sup>4</sup>我要加增你的後裔,像天上的星那樣多, 又要將這些地都賜給你的後裔。 並且地上萬國必因你的後裔得福— 創世記26:4

<sup>4</sup> I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed...

Genesis 26:4

<sup>14</sup>你的後裔必像地上的塵沙那樣多, 必向東西南北開展; 地上萬族必因你和你的後裔得福。 創世記28:14

<sup>14</sup> Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. **Genesis 28:14**  <sup>15</sup>我也與你同在。你無論往那裡去, 我必保佑你,領你歸回這地,總不離棄你, 直到我成全了向你所應許的。 創世記28:15

<sup>15</sup> I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Genesis 28:15

<sup>15°</sup> 神又對摩西說:你要對以色列人這樣說: 耶和華一你們祖宗的神,就是亞伯拉罕的神, 以撒的神,雅各的神,打發我到你們這裡來。 出埃及記3:15a

<sup>15a</sup> God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' Exodus 3:15a <sup>160</sup> 你去招聚以色列的長老,對他們說: 耶和華你們祖宗的神,就是亞伯拉罕的神, 以撒的神,雅各的神,向我顯現,說…
出埃及記 3:16a

<sup>16a</sup> "Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—appeared to me and said... Exodus 3:16a <sup>31</sup>論到死人復活,神在經上向你們所說的, 你們沒有念過麼?<sup>32</sup>他說:我是**亞伯拉罕的神**, 以撒的神,雅各的神。神不是死人的神,乃是活人的神。
馬太福音 22:31-32

<sup>31</sup> But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, <sup>32</sup> 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?
He is not the God of the dead but of the living.".

Matthew 22:31-32

<sup>13</sup> 亞伯拉罕、以撒、雅各的神,就是我們列祖的神,已經榮耀 了他的僕人(或作:兒子)耶穌;你們卻把他交付彼拉多。 彼拉多定意要釋放他,你們竟在彼拉多面前棄絕了他。

使徒行傳3:13

<sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus.
You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.".

Acts 3:13

## What Does This Mean for Us?



## 1. Our Ministry MUSTBe Inter-Generational



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#### The church MUST...

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- Engage all ages and generations in worship
- Be a community immersed in prayer

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There is always a battle for each generation...

- None is more important than the First Generation
- The battle for the second generation is the Bridge Generation
- The battle for the third generation is the battle for **Permanence**