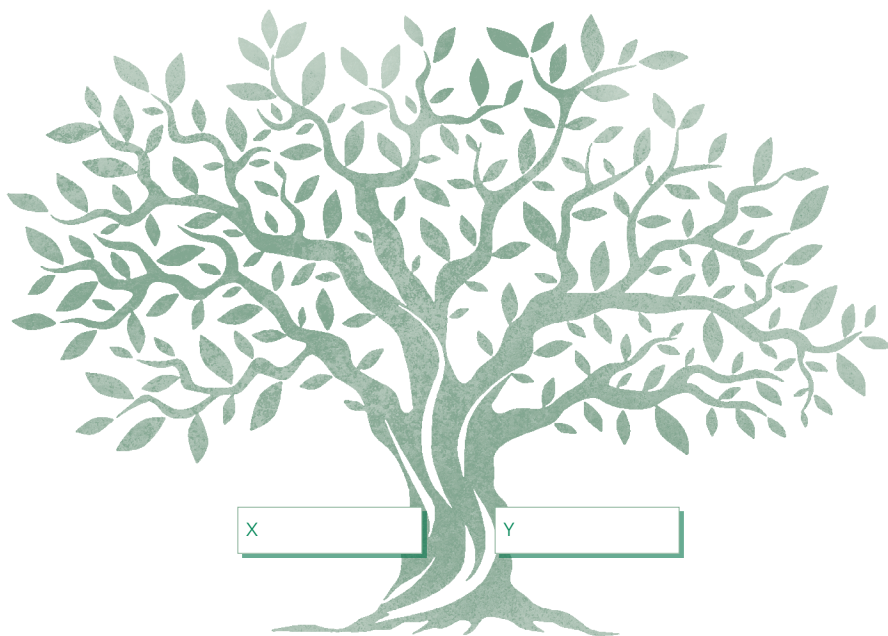


**Think about your own family right now. Are there any circumstances that make you feel like God's promises can't be for you? Write them down.**

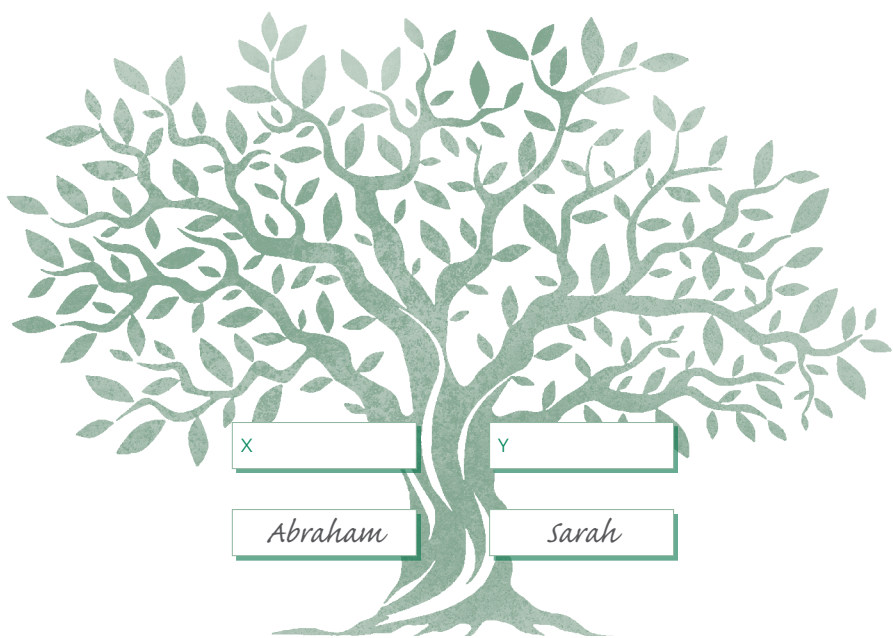
**How does Abraham's story reframe your perspective? Be specific.**

In each lesson for this Week, you'll add details to Joseph's family tree. Fill in Abraham and Sarah in slots X and Y on the tree below.



Write out a game plan to pray for these areas more specifically and consistently.

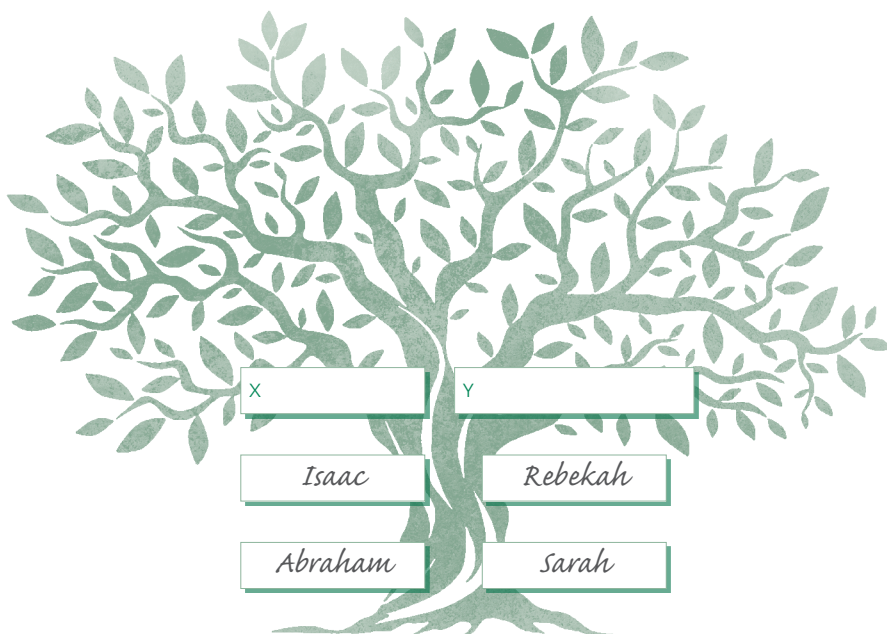
Before you go, fill in the next section in Joseph’s family tree. Place Isaac’s name next to the X below and Rebekah’s name next to the Y.

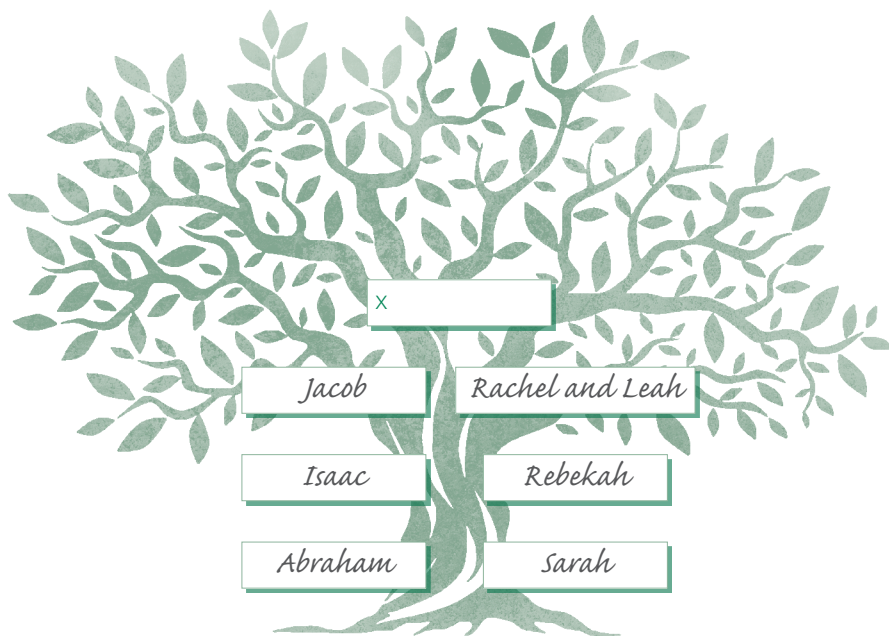


What if it's not the circumstances of our families that most need to be changed, but our attitudes? And what if our hearts don't first need to be reoriented toward our children and siblings, but first and foremost need to be reoriented toward God? What if contentment, based on the goodness and faithfulness of God, is the salve our fractured families need most?

**To wrap up today's study, meditate on 1 Timothy 6:6–8 by doodling it below. Then add to Joseph's family tree by adding Jacob, Rachel, and Leah to lines X and Y.**

But godliness with contentment is great gain,  
for we brought nothing into the world,  
and we cannot take anything out of the world.  
But if we have food and clothing,  
with these we will be content.



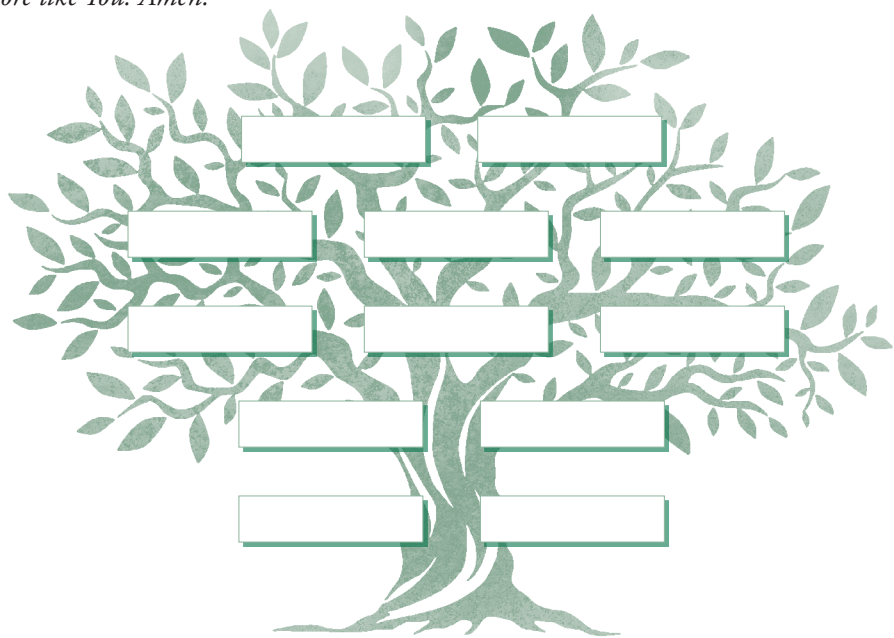


Would Joseph’s life have been easier with different brothers? Maybe. But easy isn’t God’s goal. He chose Joseph’s family to accomplish His purposes, just like He’s chosen yours.

**Does this perspective shift anything in your heart? If so, in what way?**

You’ve visualized Joseph’s family tree. Now, it’s time to do your own. Use the graphic below to illustrate the family God has given you, not the family you wish you had. Not every branch will be straight and fruitful, but none of them will be accidental. Before you start, pray this prayer.

*Lord, thank You for creating the family. Thank You for creating my family. Teach me to embrace it rather than resisting it. Help me see the ways You use my family to make me more like You. Amen.*



**Take some time to draw a timeline of your family's greatest hardships. The next two pages are dedicated to this activity. Use the vertical line on the left side to plot seasons of suffering, sickness, or sorrow. Write down details next to each data point.**

