



# Loving God and Neighbor Before the Law

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# A People of Story

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- By the age of 12, Jewish children - especially boys - were expected to memorize large sections of Torah (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy)
  - This was specific to post-exilic, Second Temple Judaism
- When Jesus was teaching, the thoughts of those listening would have not only gone to the Law, but to the stories from before the Law.



# Two Great Partners with God: Abraham and Joseph

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- God chose many people to help bring about his will on Earth.
- We will focus on two men through whose love great deeds were done by God; God blessed them individually, and He blessed other nations.

# Divide into 4 groups

How did Abraham demonstrate love for God in \_\_\_\_\_?

- Genesis 12:1-8, 13:18
- Genesis 15
- Genesis 17
- Genesis 21

How did Abraham demonstrate love for neighbor in \_\_\_\_\_?

- Genesis 18
- Genesis 13
- Genesis 14
- Genesis 23

# Divide into 3 groups

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How did Joseph demonstrate love for God in \_\_\_\_\_?

Genesis 39:7-12  
Genesis 40:8, 41:16  
Genesis 45:5-8, 50:20

How did Joseph demonstrate love for neighbor \_\_\_\_\_?

Genesis 41:47-57, Genesis 42  
Genesis 43 and 44  
Genesis 45; 47:11-12; 50:15-21

## General discussion

In your opinion, what were some of the most impactful ways that Abraham demonstrated love for God and neighbor?

In your opinion, what were some of the most impactful ways Joseph demonstrated love for God and neighbor?

How did God work through their love for Him and their neighbor?