

Triggering To A Kid Place: Isaac

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Genesis 22:10

And make me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die. Genesis 27:4

Isaac seems to have had a fear of dying. Apparently his eyes going dim triggered him and he thought he was going to die soon. Because of this, he was anxious to bless his son, Esau, before he dies. If Isaac was 40 years old when he married Rebekah. They tried to get pregnant for perhaps 10 years or more, so that would make him around 50-60 years old when Esau and Jacob were born. When Isaac thought he might die soon, the boys were probably men in their 40's since Esau married at 40. That would make Isaac somewhere around 90 or 100 years old at the blessing. He miscalculated by 100 years since lived to the age of 180! Was his anxiety about death a triggered response to the trauma of Abraham's nearly sacrificing him when he was young? If so, he might have re-experienced the feelings of that trauma many times. Did the fear of death become an accepted feature in the family thinking? As we look at his son Jacob, can we recognize that same fear though out his life? Is there even an echo of that fear of death in Reuben, Jacob's son? In Immanuel sessions, Jesus takes us to these unresolved traumas and is with us there. When He "fills the whole screen", as we turn fully to Him, the trauma is healed and it loses its hold on us.

Studies included in this article are: Isaac; Jacob; Reuben

Isaac

Genesis 22:1-13 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and

there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

Genesis 25:19-20 This *is* the genealogy of [Isaac](#), Abraham's son. Abraham begot [Isaac](#). [Isaac](#) was forty years old when he took Rebekah as wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan Aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian.

Genesis 27:1-4 Now it came to pass, when Isaac was old and his eyes were so dim that he could not see, that he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son." And he answered him, "Here I am." Then he said, "Behold now, I am old. I do not know the day of my death. Now therefore, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me. And make me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die."

Genesis 31:42a Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had been with me...

Genesis 31:53 "The God of Abraham, the God of Nahor, and the God of their father judge between us." And Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac.

Genesis 35:28-29 Now the days of [Isaac](#) were one hundred and eighty years. So [Isaac](#) breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people, *being* old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

Jacob

Genesis 42:2 And he said, "Indeed I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down to that place and buy for us there, that we may live and not die."

Genesis 42:4 But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he said, "Lest some calamity befall him.

Genesis 42:38 But he [Isaac] said, "My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he is left alone. If any calamity should befall him along the way in which you go, then you would bring down my gray hair with sorrow to the grave."

Genesis 43:14 And may God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may release your other brother and Benjamin. If I am bereaved, I am bereaved!

Genesis 44:29 But if you take this one also from me, and calamity befalls him, you shall bring down my gray hair with sorrow to the grave.

Genesis 45:28 Then Israel said, "It is enough. Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

Genesis 46:30 And Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you are still alive."

Genesis 47:9 And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my pilgrimage are one hundred and thirty years; few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage."

Genesis 47:28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So the length of Jacob's life was one hundred and forty-seven years.

Genesis 47:29-30 When the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "Now if I have found favor in your sight, please put your hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me. Please do not bury me in Egypt, but let me lie with my fathers; you shall carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burial place." And he said, "I will do as you have said."

Genesis 47:31 Then he said, "Swear to me." And he swore to him. So Israel bowed himself on the head of the bed."

Genesis 48:21 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am dying, but God will be with you and bring you back to the land of your fathers."

Genesis 49:33 And when Jacob had finished commanding his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed and breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.

Reuben

Genesis 44:22 And we said to my lord, "The lad cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die."

Genesis 44:30-31 Now therefore, when I come to your servant my father, and the lad is not with us, since his life is bound up in the lad's life, it will happen, when he sees that the lad is not with us, that he will die. So your servants will bring down the gray hair of your servant our father with sorrow to the grave.

Deuteronomy 33:6 Let [Reuben](#) live, and not die, *Nor* let his men be few.

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