

### Abraham- Trust- Isaac's birth/Angels coming

**Characters:** Rachel- News anchor, Rebekah- News anchor, Leah- On site reporter, Abraham, Sarah

Rebekah: Good evening and welcome to OT News.

Rachel: That's right! Old Testament News channel, where we bring you the latest in how God leads His people.

Rebekah: Tonight our first story begins with a man named Abraham.

Rachel: Wait, Abraham you mean the man that left his home because God called him to and is wondering around in the countryside.

Rebekah: Yes, that Abraham. The same one who God promised to make into a great nation.

Rachel: A great nation! He doesn't even have any children. How can he become a great nation without children?

Rebekah: We are about to find that out, let turn to our onsite reporter as some exciting news has just been brought our attention. Our onsite report, Leah, is there with Abraham now.

Leah: Good evening, Rachel and Rebekah. I am live here with Abraham who has just gotten some shocking news! Abraham, Abraham! Can you please tell us what has just happened here?

Abraham- Leah, I don't know where to begin, uh, one moment I am extending hospitality and the next moment I am speaking to the Lord.

Leah: Abraham, can you please elaborate?

Abraham: Three strangers were walking by my tent as if to pass on. Well, you know our custom of being kind to strangers and offering them something to drink and eat. They stayed with me for some bread. Then they delivered shocking news! I still can't believe it.

Leah: What did they say?

Abraham: Maybe my wife should tell you... Sarah... Sarah please come out here and tell what happened.

Sarah: (laughing) I can hardly believe it myself, but it is true the strangers said that I would have a baby. Can you imagine at my age having a baby? But they were angels and it is true.

Leah: How did you know they were angels?

Sarah: I was listening at the tent flap while Abraham talked with them. When they told him that we would have a child, I laughed to myself, inside where no one could hear. The angels heard it and asked Abraham why I laughed. I don't know how they knew I laughed, unless they were from God. We will call our child Isaac because I laughed.

Leah: You mean the promise God made to you and Abraham is about to come true?

Sarah: Yes, we trust that God will do what he says.

Abraham: We trust God

Leah: There you have it folks, trust in God. Back to you at the studio.

Rebekah: Thank you Leah, for the report. It seems tonight we have learned that God leads His people when we trust Him.

Rachel: This is OT News signing out for tonight. Where will God lead next.

Rebekah: Tune in next time

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### Issac- Obedience- Sacrifice

**Characters:** Rachel, Rebekah, Leah, Isaac, Abraham

Rachel: Good evening and welcome again to OT News

Rebekah: That's right! Old Testament News channel, where we bring you the latest in how God leads His people. Tonight, we want to bring you a follow up from our story last night.

Rachel: That's right, remember Abraham and Sarah? They did have their son Isaac.

Rebekah: They sure trusted God to do what he said he'd do.

Rachel: Well, tonight Leah, where are we?

Leah: Can you hear me Rachel?

Rachel: Yes, it sounds a little windy

Leah: Yes, I am here at the bottom of the mountain, where a little while ago Abraham and his son Isaac have disappeared. I have talked to the servants and they said that Abraham was going to make a sacrifice to God, but that only Abraham and Isaac went up. They said Abraham seemed really sad. Oh, wait, here they come... Abraham... over here! How did the sacrifice go and why were you so sad? You don't seem sad now. Where's Isaac?

Isaac: Right here!

Abraham: Ah, Leah, I figured you might be here. God has led us on a long journey.

Leah: You mean God had asked you to do something?

Abraham: Yes, I took my son Isaac to this mountain and he followed me to this spot to sacrifice. You know our custom as God has asked us to sacrifice to Him so that we may honor him in how he leads us.

Leah: I heard that you didn't have a lamb with you, what were you planning to sacrifice?

Isaac: Me.

Leah: What! Abraham surely that is not true.

Abraham: Leah, God asked me to do something specific and I know him so well that I would obey whatever he said.

Leah: But your son! Isaac you're still here, so what happened?

Isaac: When we got to the spot. I asked my father, where was the sacrifice required. And he said God would provide. I trust God and I trust my father. I would obey them both, even when my father bound me I didn't run.

Leah: Weren't you scared?

Isaac: I kind of was, but I knew my God would provide. God called out to my father to stop and we saw a ram in the bushes.

Leah: Ah, so you sacrificed this instead.

Isaac: Yes, God provided because we obeyed.

Leah: There you have it folks, Obey God. Back to you at the studio.

Rebekah: Thank you Leah. That was some report.

Rachel: Imagine what Isaac must have felt, but he obeyed because he trusted God.

Rebekah: Well, we have seen tonight that God leads His people in obedience. This is OT News signing out for tonight. Where will God lead next.

Rachel: Tune in next time

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### Jacob- Determination- Jacob's Ladder

**Characters:** Jacob, Rachel, Rebekah, Leah

Rachel: Good evening and welcome again to OT News

Rebekah: That's right! Old Testament News channel, where we bring you the latest in how God leads His people.

Rachel: Wasn't that exciting last night to see how God leads in obedience.

Rebekah: If you thought that was exciting wait until you meet tonight's guest, Jacob.

Rachel: Jacob, who is he? I don't recall him from our story last night.

Rebekah: Well, that's because we only met his father last night, Isaac.

Rachel: Isaac had a son too?

Rebekah: Two sons actually, twins Jacob and Esau. You see Isaac had a favorite son, Esau, his oldest. And Jacob was the exact opposite of Esau. While Esau was gruff and didn't care about God's leading. Jacob was more calm and wanted to have God's blessing.

Rachel: Ah, I see.

Leah: Uh, we interrupt this broadcast to bring you some important news! Jacob has run away! And I can't find our story. Be right back.

Rachel: What! Why would he run away? Oh, over and out Leah.

Rebekah: Well, Jacob didn't always go about doing things God's way. In fact, once he tricked his brother into giving him his birth right. Esau was so hungry that Jacob made him trade his birthright for a bowl of food.

Rachel: Birthright, isn't that when you inherit things from your family?

Rebekah: Something like that, usually it goes to the oldest and he gets double the money, land, blessing, you know.

Leah: Uh, still can't find Jacob, but I did find out why he ran away. It appears that he has tricked his father, Isaac into giving him the family blessing. Apparently, Jacob pretended to be Esau and went into his father's tent with food and told him that he was Esau. Isaac blessed him and after Jacob left Esau found out and was very mad.

Rachel: And that is why Jacob is on the run.

Leah: Right, uh apparently he is afraid his brother will kill him.

Rebekah: I would be running too Leah. Any sign of Jacob?

Leah: I have been looking, oh wait, what's that over there! Oh, he's sleeping... should I wake him?

Jacob: Huh? Huh? Who's there?

Leah: Jacob, sorry to disturb you but we were looking all over for you. What are you doing out here?

Jacob: I just had this marvelous dream!

Leah: Dream, I thought you were running for your life.

Jacob: I am, but God met me here. I dreamt that I saw a ladder reaching down from heaven and touching the ground and on it were many angels going back and forth.

Leah: Wow!

Jacob: It was from God, he met me here. I have made mistakes and was determined to do my own thing, but now I want to be determined to follow God.

Leah: Your dream helped you determine to follow God?

Jacob: Yeah, I have been determined in the wrong ways for too long. But now I see that God can use my determination for his good.

Leah: Well, there you have it folks- God leads in determination. Back to you in the studio.

Rachel: This is OT News signing out for tonight. Where will God lead next.

Rebekah: Tune in next time.

Rachel: I can't wait

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## Joseph Part 1- Faith- Dreams to Pit

**Characters:** Rachel, Rebekah, Leah, Joseph, Brothers

Rebekah: Good evening and welcome this night to OT News

Rachel: That's right! Old Testament News channel, where we bring you the latest in how God leads His people.

Rebekah: I am sure excited to see where God is leading next.

Rachel: Well, tonight's story is a part of a three part series.

Rebekah: Yes, remember Jacob from last night, well he determined to follow God and has had an incredible journey. Now we meet Joseph, one of his 12 sons.

Rachel: 12 sons, really?

Rebekah: Yes, Joseph has 11 brothers. We are meeting with Leah, this evening to find out where God is leading Joseph.

Leah: Good evening, OT news. This is Leah reporting live alongside Joseph. We are in process of delivering food to his brothers out in the field. Joseph, what a lovely coat you have there.

Joseph: Thanks, Leah, my father made it for me to show me how much he loves me. Just like God loves me and I have faith in him.

Leah: It's so colorful. What color are your brother's coats?

Joseph: Uh, brown... I don't think my father gave them colorful coats.

Leah: Oh, tell me more about these brothers we are going to find.

Joseph: Well, there's my half brothers Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphatali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun and my brother Benjamin.

Leah: Whoa, that's a lot of names.

Joseph: You're telling me and it can be crazy sometimes.

Leah: How so...

Joseph: Twice I had dreams. One was about 12 sheaves of grain gathered around me and they all bowed down. When I told that one at the breakfast table, whoa were they mad. Then I had

another dream about the sun, moon, and 11 stars bowing down to me. Even dad got mad on that one.

Leah: What did that mean?

Joseph: I guess everyone thought that I was telling them that they would bow down to me. My brothers were not happy. Sometimes I don't think they have faith in God like I do. I believe in God and those dreams he gave. Oh, there they are...

(Brothers: Here comes that dreamer let's get him...)

Leah: uh, your brothers don't look very happy..... Joseph, Joseph....

Joseph: Help me! (leaves room)

Leah follows and comes back in a panic: They have dropped him in a pit.... Wait now they are trading with some traders and Joseph is leaving... Joseph...

Joseph: Have faith!

Leah: I have to catch that caravan. Back to you in the studio.

Rachel: Wow, How can Joseph have faith in God's leading when his brothers just sold him?

Rebekah: God leads his people in faith. I guess we have to wait and see where God leads next. This is OT News signing out for tonight.

Rachel: Tune in next time.

Rebekah: I can't wait

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## Joseph Part 2- Listen- Prison to Pharoah's dream

**Characters:** Rachel, Rebekah, Leah, Joseph

Rachel: Good evening and welcome back tonight to OT News

Rebekah: That's right! Old Testament News channel, where we bring you the latest in how God leads His people.

Rachel: Tonight, we are going to learn what has become of Joseph. Remember how he had faith in God, yet his brothers sold him.

Rebekah: Tonight, we continue our search for how God leads his people and Joseph. Leah, have you been able to find Joseph.

Leah: Yes, tonight I find Joseph here in this prison in Egypt. It seems that he has not always been here, but that there was some misunderstanding with his master and the master's wife and he has been in here for quite a while. Joseph, tell us what has become of you?

Joseph: Oh, hi Leah, it has been a long while. Yes, I am in prison as you mentioned but God has been good to me even here. I still have faith even though it is hard to understand why I am here.

Leah: Those brothers of yours were really mean and now your master has thrown you in prison on bogus charges!

Joseph: Leah, it's okay, God has a plan. So far the jailer trusts me and I basically help run this place. I even got to help interpret some dreams.

Leah: That is interesting...

Joseph: I have been listening to God's leading in my life and one day a few weeks back we had two very important prisoners from the pharaoh, you know like the king. Apparently, he was mad about something and they both came here: a cupbearer and a baker.

Leah: And the dreams?

Joseph: They both were looking so sad one day and I listened to God telling me to ask them what was wrong. They explained they had dreams: the cupbearer about vines and the baker about bread and birds. They asked me about it and I told them only God could interpret. So I prayed and listened.

Leah: What happened?

Joseph: God gave me the interpretations. I told the cupbearer that he would be set free and the baker would be condemned. And it happened just as God said it would. I told the cupbearer to remember me, but it has been several weeks.

Leah: How discouraging...

Joseph: Not really, I have faith in God and his leading and I am listening for what he wants me to hear. I know he will tell me the next step when he is ready.

Leah: I hope it is soon. Back to you in the studio.

Rebekah: Well it sounds like God leads his people when they listen.

Rachel: This is OT News signing out for tonight.

Rebekah: Tune in next time.

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### Joseph Part 3- Strength- Palace to Forgiveness

**Characters:** Rachel, Rebekah, Leah, Joseph, Brothers

Rachel: Good evening and welcome to our final night of OT News

Rebekah: That's right! Old Testament News channel, where we bring you the latest in how God leads His people.

Rachel: Well, I hope that God has lead Joseph somewhere else tonight. I know he was listening and waiting, but I wouldn't want to be listening in prison.

Rebekah: I think God has big plans for Joseph.

Leah: That's right, Rebekah. I am standing outside this palace where Joseph has had a fortunate turn of events. You see after we last spoke with Joseph God led him out of prison. Joseph tells me that Pharoah had a dream.

Rachel: And Joseph has been listening to God about those dreams. I am guessing that he got called.

Leah: You're right, the cupbearer remembered Joseph from prison and had him brought to the king. The king had had a dream, actually two dreams with the same meaning. One about fat cows and sick cows and the other about healthy grain and bad grain. No one else could interpret them. In fact, Joseph even told Pharoah that he could not, but that God could.

Rebekah: So what did God tell them?

Leah: The dreams were about a time of plenty and famine, seven years to be exact of plenty and then seven years of famine. The pharaoh was so impressed that he made Joseph a ruler right on the spot and Joseph has been working on a plan. Here he comes now, Joseph tell us about your plan during this famine.

Joseph: Ah, we meet again. Yes, God 's plan has been to have us store up as much grain as we can so in this time of famine we have food. Right now, we are selling grain to anyone who can afford it. You are welcome to come see.

Leah: This should be fun.

(Enter Joseph's brothers- asking for grain)

Leah: Joseph, aren't those your brothers?

Joseph: Shhh.... Yes.

Rebekah: Whoa, Joseph's brothers are back!

Rachel: Those old meanies!

Rebekah: Now Rachel, let's see what happens. Leah, are you still there?

Leah: Yes, Joseph has finally sent his brothers on their way. He didn't tell them who he was. In fact they are going to bring his brother Benjamin who wasn't with them. Joseph tells us this is a test to see if his brother have changed. Joseph looks very sad, but not mad or like he is taking revenge. We are waiting for them to return.

Rachel: Hhmmm....

Leah: Oh, here they come. Joseph has asked everyone to leave the room. Joseph...

Joseph: Leah, I will be happy to talk to you later, but right now I have brothers to forgive.

Rachel: Forgive! Forgive those brothers. How can God lead Joseph to forgive them after all they have done. Leah, what is happening?

Leah: I can't hear much, but it sounds like they are crying? No laughing? I am not sure. Oh, I hear someone. Joseph, how did it go?

Joseph: Leah, you want to know what is going on? I forgave my brothers years ago, because God gave me the strength to do so. Today, is when I told them but they have always been forgiven. God led me in strength to use what they meant for evil to his good.

Leah: God led you to forgiveness and that is your strength.

Joseph: Yep.

Rachel: Whoa, there you have it Joseph's strength was by following God to forgiveness.

Rebekah: This is OT News signing out for tonight. Where will God lead next.

Rebekah: Tune in...

Leah: Whoa, whoa, whoa... How about where will God lead you next.

Rachel and Rebekah: Until next time!

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