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A Spiritual Father Who Pleases God

(Genesis 18:18-19)

One of the most important things the Bible emphasizes is the generational transmission of faith. In the wake of the crumbling European church, the concern for the next generation is real in Korea and the United States. Parents play the most important role in their children's faith formation. The standard for raising the best children is not worldly success, but raising faithful disciples before God.

As you reflect on the past week, share one life-sharing story that stands out to you.

1. God tells Abraham that He will fulfill all His promises through him. What did God choose and command Abraham to do to fulfill his promises (v.19)? Why do you think it is more difficult to share the gospel with children and relatives who are close to us in our faith? What are some specific faith practices we can implement for our children?
2. Although there were many faults and mistakes, God finally molded Abraham into a father of faith. It is easy to imagine how Abraham faithfully handled his children and their education, especially when we see the life of his son, Isaac, in silent obedience to his father who wanted to kill him, or the faithful life of his servant, Eliezer, who went out to find Rebekah with absolute faith in the God of his master, Abraham (see Genesis 22, 24). What are some of the things I am doing that might encourage my children to make a life of faith? What are some of the things I am doing that might cause them to lose interest in God? What are some of the best ways to share the gospel with those close to us, including our children?
3. Teaching and raising children to be people of God not only continues a family's faith but also builds the future of God's kingdom. Pray for each other that our children would grow up to be men of God and that we would be a fragrance of Christ to those we interact with.