

Quiet Time Questions from September 14, 2025

Begin your quiet time each day with prayer. Ask the LORD to help you focus and understand what you are studying.

MAIN POINT OF THIS WEEK'S PASSAGE: God disciplines His children, not to punish them but to refine them through their failures.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK "...My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son." (Hebrews 12:5b-6)

1. Read Genesis 20. Abraham lied again—why do we repeat the same sins, and what does God's response to Abraham tell us about His character? What fears or beliefs led Abraham to lie a second time about Sarah? Do you see any similar patterns in your own life—recurring sins tied to fear or control? What does God's continued involvement in Abraham's life say about grace versus perfection in our walk with Him?

2. Read Hebrews 12:5–6 and Genesis 20:3–7. What's the difference between punishment and discipline in the life of a believer? How did God deal differently with Abimelek and Abraham, even though both were in the wrong? In your life, can you think of a time when God used failure to refine rather than to reject you? Why is it crucial for Christians to understand that God's correction is evidence of love, not rejection?

3. Read Genesis 20:7, 17 and Romans 8:34. In what ways are we called to intercede for others like Abraham did for Abimelek? How does Abraham's flawed character challenge or encourage you in your own calling as a representative of Christ? What does it mean to "intercede" for someone spiritually—and how can you live that out this week? Who in your life needs you to stand in the gap for them in prayer, grace, or witness?