

There are some people that seem to be showered with attention. On the other hand, there are others that never seem to get little more than a few words of notoriety. Many Biblical characters are blessed to have much written about them, but not so with Isaac, our subject of the day.

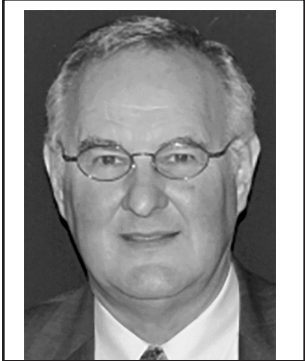
As we look in the book of Genesis, we read that Isaac was a devout man. Scripture paints him as a man of many positive acts of worship. This tells us that he cared about the things of his God and that he had a relationship with God. This is always a key factor when one does character studies.

Scripture reveals Isaac would go out and meditate on the things of his Lord. This is how he kept a healthy, close relationship with God. This is a good teaching to all of us. If we want a closer walk with the Lord, we must spend time with Him. Even though he had a close walk with God, he wasn't perfect. There were times his faith was overcome by temptation, but he quickly bounced back.

Isaac lived a simple life. His life wasn't filled with unbelievable stories or miracles. He wasn't



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flashy or charismatic. A man that didn't want much in life and he didn't expect it. However, there is one thing that Isaac wanted more than anything else. He wanted God's blessing on his two boys. At the time Isaac was on his deathbed, he wanted to leave something special to Esau and Jacob. His heart was heavy because he knew his time was just about up. He held a deep love for his family. He wanted his sons to follow Jehovah after he was gone. It seems that Isaac was focused on the most important thing in life, and that was walking with God. God was leading him even in death. We all want the very best for those we

love the most.

Some things don't work out in life the way we want, but that doesn't mean it doesn't unfold the way God wants it to. Remember, we are not in charge, He is. Isaac wanted to give his special blessing to Esau because he was the oldest son and that was customary. The greatest shortcoming in this family was the issue of favorites. Isaac loved Esau, and Rebekah loved Jacob. Playing favoritism is always a problem in any family. Due to several underhanded acts by his mother, Jacob tricked his dad and received the blessing of God instead of Esau. The amazing part of the story is Scripture tells us that the blessing would come through Jacob. They meant it for evil, but God used it for good. Reading this story we realize that Rebekah's actions were wrong, but even in her sin, it worked out according to God.

As I ponder this story one can't help but think about our own lives. What will be on our minds when it comes to the end? What are the things in life that are important? It should be a priority in each of our lives to leave a lasting legacy for those we love the most. Isaac

wasn't a superstar, and many question his listing in the heroes of the faith, but he was obedient to God when God called on him for this task. We are not called to be super

Christians, but we are called upon to be obedient. God will never ask anything more. What a powerful story of a simple man who lived a common life.

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### CLUES ACROSS

- Slopes
- Attacks
- One who has left prison
- Goes against
- Atomic #37
- Home of The Beatles
- Mac alternative
- A common boundary with
- Fluid in a plant
- Genus that includes scads
- Longer of the forearm bones
- Gradually disappears
- AI risk assessor
- Type of whale
- Jaws of a voracious animal
- Patriotic women (abbr.)
- Ancient Egyptian God
- Obsessed with one's appearance
- Erase
- A type of smartie

### CLUES DOWN

- Speak rapidly
- Trauma center
- River in W. Africa
- Ancient Greek district
- Bulgaria's monetary unit
- Children's ride
- Absorbed liquid
- Markets term
- Retail term recording sales
- Automaton
- Spanish form of "be"
- Divide
- Malaysian sailing boat
- Writers
- Cool!
- Popular tourist attraction studio
- Sets free
- An enthusiastic devotee of sports
- Unhappy
- Alternate term for Holy Scripture
- Influential French scholar
- Nostrils
- Influential French thinker
- Popular K-pop singer
- One point south of due east
- Payroll company
- Moved quickly on foot
- Bar bill
- An idiot
- Indicates silence
- Protein-rich liquids
- Rhythmic patterns
- Scatter
- Belongs to bottom layer
- Impulsive part of the mind
- Carousel
- Type of degree
- Ornamental molding
- Locks in again
- Sounds the same
- Come into view
- What thespians do
- Local area network
- Free from contamination
- Coastal region of Canada
- Sun up in New York
- High schoolers' exam
- Fathers
- Call it a career
- Suitable for growing crops
- Rose-red variety of spinel
- Orange-brown in color
- Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- Late TNT sportscaster
- A way to wedge
- Cold, dry Swiss wind
- Hockey players need it
- Something highly prized
- Atomic #45
- Top lawyer

## SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!