

The explosion of change and growth of the gospel always begins with a change **upward** - the gospel comes to us and changes our life orientation. The work of change and growth of the gospel then begins to move **inward** - the gospel works in us and changes our character and values. The gospel also has an **outward** effect - where the gospel spreads through us. Your relationships, your influence, and your interactions also change as the gospel works deeply into your life.

We see this process at work in the lives of prominent Biblical characters. Their stories, however, are not intended to be examples only, but rather to point us to the God of grace who transforms helpless sinners into servants in his unfolding plan of redemption. The goal of this study is to see the transforming power of the gospel in the lives of Old Testament leaders as he calls, equips, and mobilizes them for service – and to see God's unfolding plan of redemption as he moves history to prepare for the coming of Christ.

INSTRUCTIONS

Observe

- Circumstances surrounding the character
- How they respond
- Decisions they make
- God's involvement in their life

Find Principles

- How does God break in & bring change (upward)? Where is God working?
- How does character impact leadership (inward)? What can I learn about their character through this passage?
- How does the gospel spread through their life (outward)? How was God honored or dishonored by their life?

Apply

- How can you apply these principles to your life?
- How does this show me where I need to grow or trust God with my character and leadership?

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
Abraham	Joseph	Moses
Genesis 12	Genesis 37	Exodus 2-3
Genesis 17	Genesis 39	Exodus 4, 14
Genesis 18-19	Genesis 40-41	Exodus 18
Genesis 20	Genesis 42-43	Exodus 32-33
Genesis 22	Genesis 44-45	Numbers 20
Galatians 3:5-9	Genesis 50:15-26	Deut. 32:44-52
Hebbrews 11:8-19	Hebrews 11:21-22	Hebrews 11:23-29

WEEK 4

Joshua

Numbers 13:1-14:38 Joshua 1 Joshua 3 Joshua 6 Joshua 7-8 Joshua 23-24 Hebrews 11:30

WEEK 7

Solomon

1 Kings 2:1-4 1 Kings 3 1 Kings 4:20-5:7 1 Kings 9:1-9 1 Kings 10 Deut. 17:14-17 1 Kings 11

WEEK 10 Elijah

1 Kings 17 1 Kings 18:1-19 1 Kings 18:20-46 James 5:16-18 1 Kings 19 2 Kings 1:1-18 2 Kings 2:1-14

WEEK 13

Ezra

Ezra 7:1-10 Ezra 7:11-28 Ezra 8:15-23 Ezra 8:24-36 Ezra 9 Ezra 10:1-12 Nehemiah 8

WEEK 5 Saul

1 Samuel 8-9 1 Samuel 10-11 1 Samuel 13:1-14 1 Samuel 14:24-46 1 Samuel 15 1 Samuel 28 1 Samuel 31

WEEK 8 Jehoshaphat

2 Chronicles 17 2 Chronicles 18 2 Chronicles 19 2 Chronicles 20:1-30 2 Chronicles 20:31-21:1 1 Kings 22:1-28 1 Kings 22:29-53

WEEK 11 Jonah

Jonah 1:1-6 Jonah 1:7-16 Jonah 2 Jonah 3 Jonah 4 Matthew 12:38-42 Luke 11:29-32

WEEK 14

Nehemiah

Nehemiah 1-2:8 Nehemiah 2:9-20 Nehemiah 4:1-14 Nehemiah 4:15-23 Nehemiah 5 Nehemiah 6:1-16 Nehemiah 13

WEEK 6 David

1 Samuel 16 1 Samuel 17-18:9 1 Samuel 24 2 Samuel 7 2 Samuel 11-12:14 Psalm 51 2 Samuel 24

WEEK 9

Hezekiah

WEEK 12 Daniel

Daniel 1 Daniel 2 Daniel 4 Daniel 5 Daniel 6 Daniel 9:1-19 Daniel 9:20-27

WEEK 15 John the Baptist

Luke 1:5-25 Luke 1:39-80 John 1:1-37 John 3:22-36 Luke 3:1-22 Luke 7:18-35 Matthew 14:1-12

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