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January 13, 2019

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2. What might God be asking you to give up to follow him?
3. What made Abraham righteous in God's sight? How is this fact relevant to you life?
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5. Because Jacob had shrewdly acquired Esau's birthright and stolen their father's blessing, Jacob feared his brother's revenge. How did Jacob prepare for his meeting with Esau?
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