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“If you want to hear God speak to you, there is one way I guarantee you you will hear God speak to you - read your Bible. If you want to hear God speak to you audibly - read it out loud.”

# Abraham's faith is tested

Hendri Samuel

# Genesis Context

Greek translation – “origin”

Hebrew title – “In the beginning”

Author – Moses (written in the Sinai desert)

Date written – Between 1446BC and 1406BC

Original audience – The Israelites

Purpose – To record God’s creation of the world and his desire to have a people set apart to worship him.

# Abraham's Backstory

- Gen 12:1-3 - God chooses to bless Abraham so that he could be a blessing.
- Gen 16 – Abraham has Ishmael with the servant Hagar.
- Gen 21 – Isaac is born and Ishmael is sent away.

# Scripture Reading

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# Message to original audience

1. Abraham's obedience, faith and devotion to God is set forth as an example the Israelites are to follow.
2. God provides a substitution burnt offering.

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