

Grace to and through the undeserving:

1) Grace to Abimelech

(v1-7)

2) Grace through Abimelech to Abraham

(v8-16)

3) Grace through Abraham to Abimelech

(v17-18)

For further discussion

- In what areas of your life do you feel like you struggle repeatedly with the same sins and weaknesses and failures?
- Are you surprised by Abraham repeating his sin from chapter 12? Why/why not?
- v1-7: In what ways does Abimelech act like Abraham acted in previous chapters? What do we learn about God in v6? Is it a comfort or a threat to know that God knows all things and can do all things?
- v8-16: How does Abimelech's challenge to Abraham mirror God's challenge to him? What is ironic about Abraham's response? What does Abraham not believe about God? How can we be similar? What is surprising and striking about Abimelech's response to Abraham? How is this a picture of how God acts towards us in our sin?
- v17-18: How do you think Abraham might have felt by the end of v18? What does this show about how prayer works? What does this teach us about God?
- What was this episode designed to teach Abraham? What does it teach us? How does Romans 8:28-39 shed further light on what this looks like for Christians?