

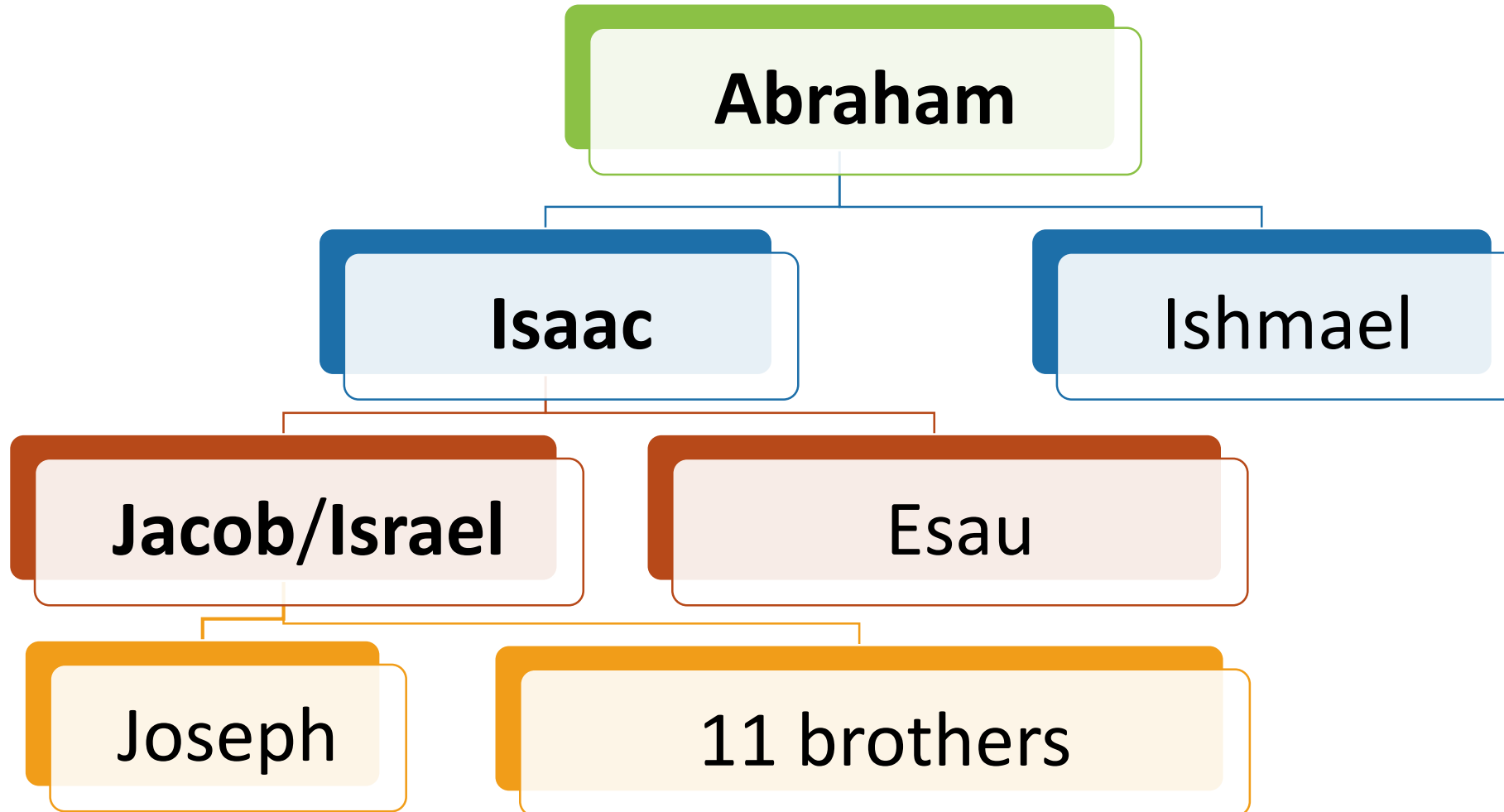
Lessons from the Giants (1): The Faith of Abraham

Genesis 12-25, Galatians 3, Romans 4,9-11

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God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob



But, what about

The Nations

I will make of you a great nation...and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Father Abraham

Isaac

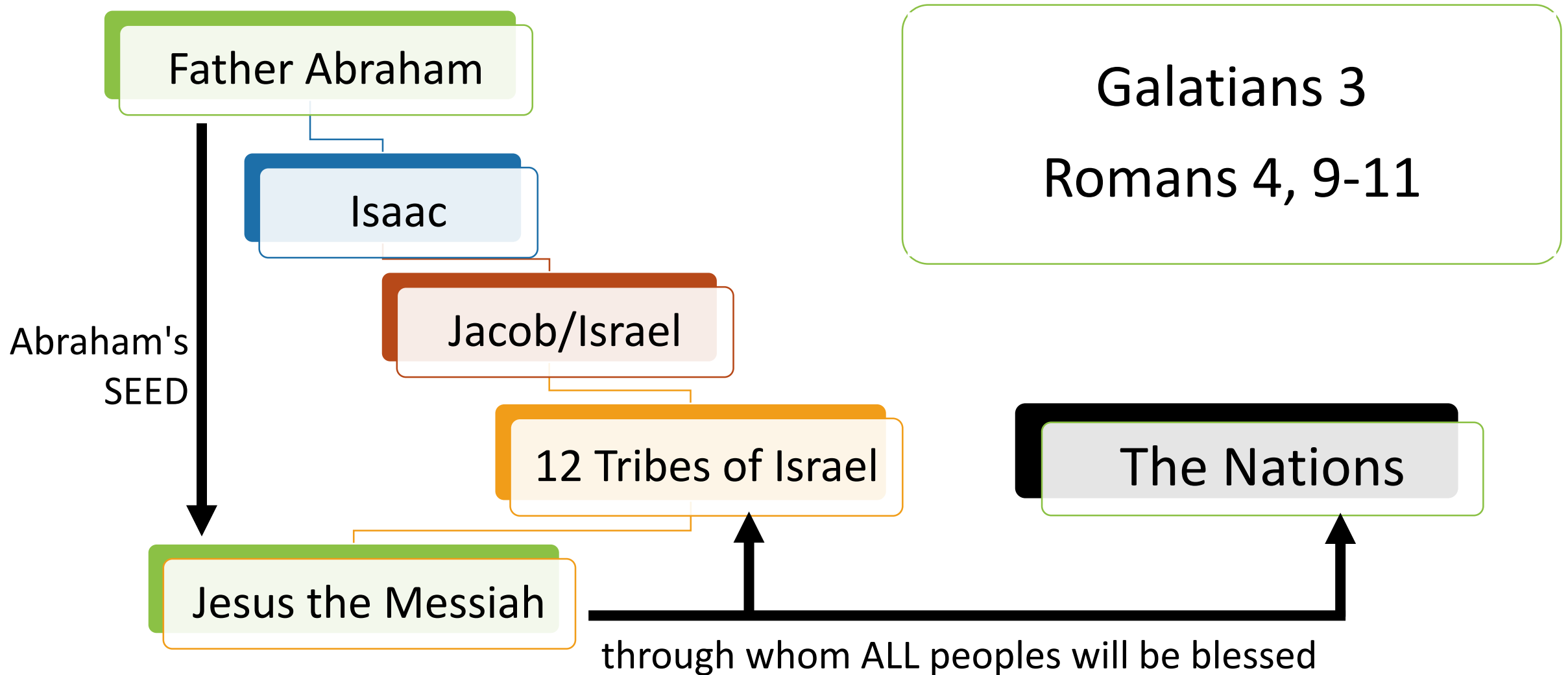
Jacob/Israel

The 12 Tribes of Israel

Abrahamic Covenant
and Mosaic Law



Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles

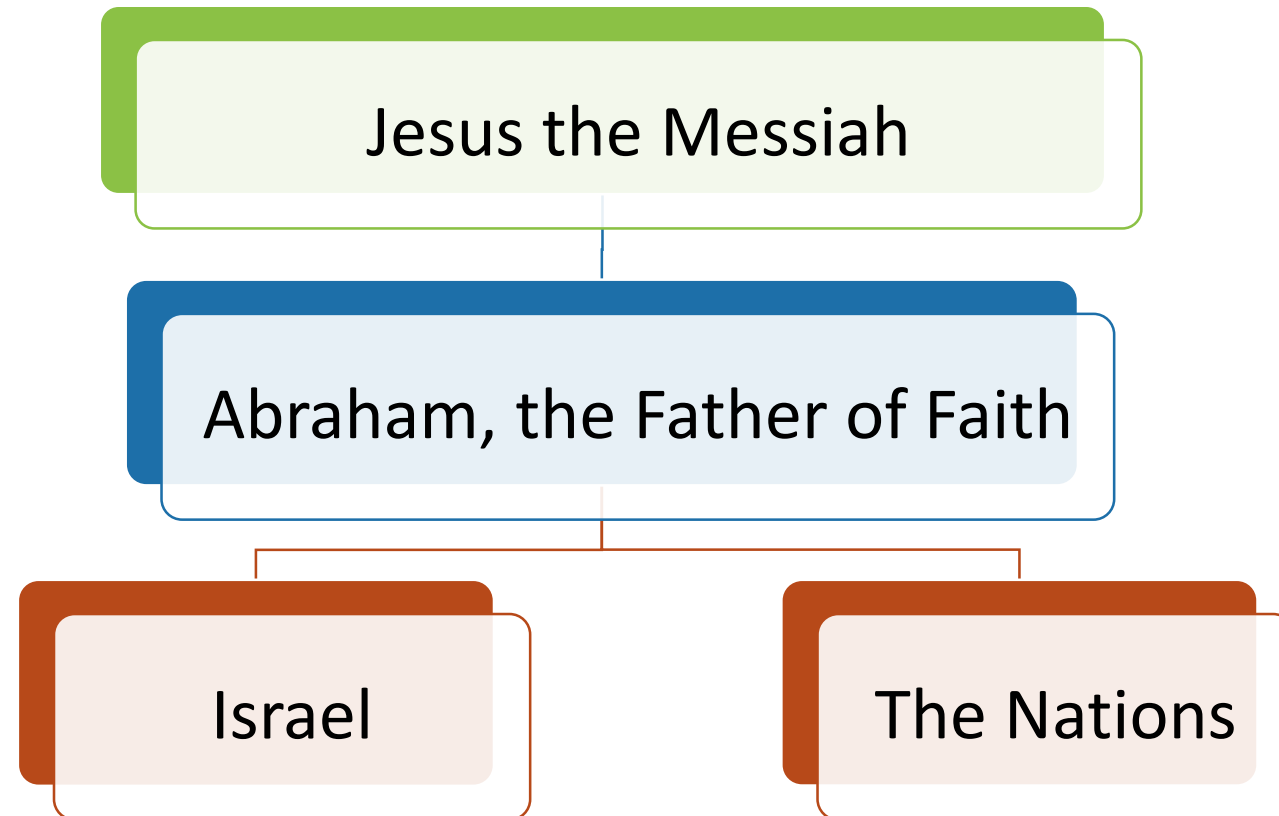


Saved by Grace, through Faith

Ephesians 2:8

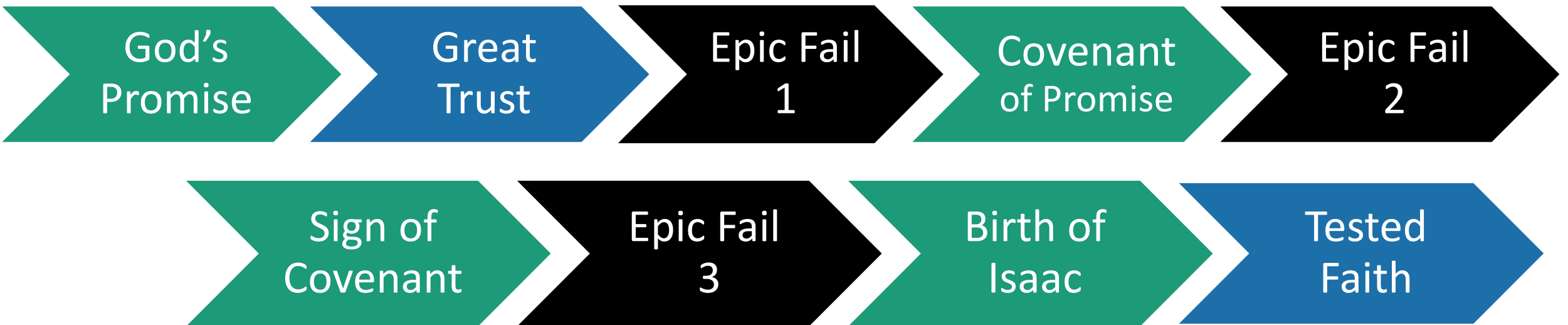
And Abram believed [the [promise of] the LORD,
and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness [right relationship].

(Genesis 15:6)



Abraham, The Story of Faith

I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing...and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”



Abraham mostly – certainly not perfectly – took God at his word and God acknowledged that trust as the relational response God was looking for.

Our Stories of Faith

- Faith is not fundamentally about out “thoughts,” “doctrines,” or “beliefs.” **Faith is a call to trust in the promises of God** in uncertain and difficult times.
- **Believing is a form of risk-taking** that begins in our mind and will, then gets worked out in our bodies and social lives. To live by faith was [and is] to live in trust and hope.
- **Faith is a relationship...**God comes to meet us, be with us, and help us. In that sense, faith is not something we do, or something we think, but more properly it is a togetherness we join by God’s grace.

Abraham, The Father of Faith

is a story of the faithful God who, as an act of love, calls into being a Family of Faith

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39