

# ABRAHAM

Gen 18:1-2 - The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and **bowed** low to the ground.

שָׁחָה *shachah*

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Gen 22:1-5 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac.

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When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will **worship** and then we will come back to you." שחה *shachah*

# JOB

Job 1:20 נָפַץ - At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in **worship**

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### **Responses to Insecurity:**

- **fight**
- **run**
- **break**

### **These are Postures**

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**Byproducts:**

**God's grace is like water, it always flows to  
low places**

**Patience is more than endurance, it's a form  
of hope based on the fact that God is Love**

# WE FIGHT NOT WITH OUR POSITION BUT WITH OUR DISPOSITION

## Tips:

- Do not claim authority (cult)
- It's scary to let go, but we must trust them to God
- Leave them with a way out
- Fight in the opposite spirit
  - ❖ *Gentleness vs. Anger*
  - ❖ *Sincerity vs. Apathy*
  - ❖ *Playfulness vs. Ascetism*
  - ❖ *Sobriety vs. Irrational*

**WE DON'T SAY "AS MY SPIRITUAL  
AUTHORITY ..."**

**WE MIGHT SAY "HE/SHE/YOU HAVE  
BECOME A REAL SPIRITUAL  
AUTHORITY IN MY LIFE"**