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ABRAHAM: THE FATHER OF FAITH

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	God promised Abraham the land of Canaan and many descendants. He also promised that through Abraham, the families of the earth will be blessed. God fulfilled His promises to Abraham.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is faithful, and His promises are true.
<i>Good Works</i>	Trust in God’s promises and identify any obstacles that hinder us from trusting Him completely.

A. The Beginning of Faith – Abraham’s Calling (Gen 12:1–9)

Abraham’s actions allow us to gain insight into his faith. Genesis 12:4 tells us that Abraham departed when the Lord spoke to him. From this simple act of obedience, we can see Abraham’s initial faith in the Lord. He was willing to leave the familiar and comfortable to travel to the unknown, placing his trust not in what he could see, but in what God promised him.

B. A Maturing Faith – Building a Relationship with God (Gen 15–21)

Like our own, Abraham’s faith was not one continuous climb upwards. He experienced many low points in his faith, such as when he agreed to allow his wife Sarah’s maidservant to bear a child for him. But despite his doubts, God constantly reassured Abraham and restated His promises towards him several times. These encouragements strengthened Abraham’s faith and allowed it to mature over time.

C. A Perfected Faith – God Tests Abraham (Gen 22–24)

Throughout the course of Abraham’s life, God presented him with trials that served to both test and build up his faith. When God decided to put his faith to the ultimate test by asking for his beloved son Isaac, Abraham rose early in the morning to obey. Through this great act of obedience, Abraham demonstrated his perfected faith.

D. Abraham’s Everlasting Trust in God (Gen 25:1–11)

After this great test from God, Abraham lived the rest of his life in the land of Canaan. He died at the age of 175 and was buried next to Sarah. He did not live to see all of God’s promises fulfilled, but his words and actions demonstrated his firm belief that God would fulfill them.

Life Application: Holding on to God’s Promises

We learned today that to hold on to God’s promises requires more than just belief – it requires faith in action through obedience to God’s commands. Today, let us look at some specific promises that God has given to us and think about how these promises should shape and guide our actions as they did for Abraham. We ought to ask ourselves: What obstacles are hindering us from trusting completely in God?

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Lesson 6 Homework Assignment

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Hebrews 11:6):

1. What do we require in order to please God, and why?
2. “By _____ Abraham _____ when he was _____ to go out to the place which he would receive as an _____. And he went out, not _____ where he was going.” (Hebrews 11:8)
3. What was Abraham’s response when God called him to leave his homeland?
4. What major event showed Abraham’s dip in faith?
5. What important tool of our faith does Abraham demonstrate? Why is this so important?
6. Pick one of the promises that we learned about during this lesson and explain what you can change in your life to receive it (Eph 6:1–3; Mal 3:10; Mt 6:33; Isa 58:13–14).