

A night sky filled with stars and a crescent moon, positioned above a desert landscape with rolling hills and a winding path.

Journey of Faith

LIFE OF ABRAHAM

Faith

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

HEBREWS 11:1, 6, 8-10

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Trusting Obedience

LESSON 1 – GENESIS 12:1-9

- 1.** Skim Genesis chapters 1-11 to get an understanding of the narrative leading up to chapter 12. Summarize the major events and the key players involved.
- 2.** Meditate on Genesis 12:1-9. Read through the passage and list as many observations as you can find. What verses, repeated words, phrases and key points stand out to you?
- 3.** What did God ask of Abram? (See also Acts 7:2-5.)
- 4.** According to Genesis 12:1-3, what was included in God's promise to Abram?
- 5.** What was Abram's response? Why is Abram's age mentioned? (See also Genesis 11:12-26; Hebrews 11:8-10.) What is missing from Abram's life at this point?

Faith Tested

LESSON 2 – GENESIS 12:10-13:18

- 1.** Meditate on Genesis 12:10-13:18. Read through the passage and list as many observations as you can find. What verses, repeated words, phrases and key points stand out to you?
- 2.** Describe the major events in these verses.
- 3.** What is absent from Abram's choices in 12:10-20? How does Psalm 37:3-5 encourage you when you are faced with choices in your daily life?
- 4.** When have you made choices without consulting the Lord because you did not understand circumstances in your life? What was the result?
- 5.** What does Abram do once he returns to Canaan?

- 6.** What is significant about an altar to the Lord? (See Genesis 8:20; Exodus 17:14-16; Judges 6:22-24; Psalm 43:4.) How is this an example for us today?

- 7.** How do you spend time with the Lord in worship and prayer? Are there times, places, occasions, or opportunities that are special to you?

- 8.** According to Genesis 13:1-13, what circumstances forced Abram to separate from Lot? What action did Abram take? What do his actions teach you? (See Philippians 2:5-8.)

- 9.** In verses 14-17, what promises does God make to Abram? What is Abram's response?

- 10.** How are the events of Genesis 12:10-13:18 a picture of Proverbs 3:5-7?

- 11.** What does this lesson teach you about God? How will this make a difference in your life this week?

God Glorified

LESSON 3 – GENESIS 14

- 1.** Meditate on Genesis 14. Read through the passage and list as many observations as you can find. What verses, repeated words, phrases and key points stand out to you?
- 2.** How is God's character demonstrated in Chapter 14? (See also Deuteronomy 33:29; Psalm 33:20; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Ephesians 1:3.)
- 3.** How have you seen God's character demonstrated through your own circumstances?
- 4.** Compare the similarities in Genesis 14:1-16 and Judges 7. How is God glorified in both of these stories?

Believing God

LESSON 4 – GENESIS 15

- 1.** Meditate on Genesis 15. Read through the passage and list as many observations as you can find. What verses, repeated words, phrases and key points stand out to you?
- 2.** In verse 1 what assurances did God give Abram to encourage him? (See also Deuteronomy 33:29; Psalms 3:3; 18:1-3; 91:4.) In light of the events in chapter 14, why was this needed at this time?
- 3.** According to verses 2-5, what promises did God give Abram? (See also Deuteronomy 1:10.)
- 4.** What is Abram's response in verse 6? What is the result? (See also Romans 4:1-5; 4:16-25.)
- 5.** What prophecies were given in verses 7, 13-14, and 18-21? When were they fulfilled? (See Exodus 6:6-8; Joshua 24:1-8.)

Learning Faith

LESSON 5 – GENESIS 16

- 1.** Meditate on Genesis 16. Read through the passage and list as many observations as you can find. What verses, repeated words, phrases and key points stand out to you?
- 2.** Describe the sequence of events in this chapter.
- 3.** Was this God's plan for Abram and Sarai? Why or why not? (Review Genesis 15 and see Genesis 17:15-19.)
- 4.** How should Abram and Sarai have handled the lack of an heir, which God had promised? What do you learn about waiting from the following verses: Psalm 25:1-3, 27:14, 37:34, 40:1, 62:5-8, 130:5; Proverbs 20:22; Lamentations 3:22-26?

- 5.** What was missing from the decisions in this chapter? (See also Genesis 12:8, 13:4, 21:33; Psalm 130:1-2; James 1:5.) What lesson is there for us in this? (See also Proverbs 3:5; Isaiah 55:8-9.)

- 6.** What was the outcome of Abram's and Sarai's decision? (See also Genesis 21:8-21; 25:12-18.)

- 7.** According to verses 7-13, how did God deal with Hagar? (See also Exodus 34:6; Psalm 78:38.) What stands out to you about Hagar's encounter with the living God?

- 8.** Why is it so hard to pray and wait on the Lord?

- 9.** In what situations do you find it hard to wait on the Lord? What are we promised if we wait on the Lord? (See Isaiah 26:3-4; 40:28-31.) What practical steps can you take to help yourself remember to turn to God?

- 10.** What does this lesson teach you about God? How will this make a difference in your life this week?

Responsive Faith

LESSON 6 – GENESIS 17

- 1.** Meditate on Genesis 17. Read through the passage and list as many observations as you can find. What verses, repeated words, phrases and key points stand out to you?
- 2.** What are some of the differences in the dialogue in chapter 17 compared to the dialogues between God and Abram in chapters 12:1-3, 13:14-17, and 15:1-5? How much time has passed?
- 3.** Why does God change Abram and Sarai's names? (See also Exodus 19:5; Deuteronomy 4:20, 7:6, 26:18; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Peter 2:9.)
- 4.** What does it mean to be a treasured possession of God? How does this encourage or discourage you? How does it impact one's perspective on our obligations and responses to circumstances? (See Exodus 19:5-6; Isaiah 45:9; Romans 9:21; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.)

Refined by God

LESSON 7 – GENESIS 18-20

- 1.** Meditate on Genesis 18:1-15. Describe what is taking place and identify attributes of God that are evident. (See also Psalm 33:4, 100:5; Jeremiah 32:17, 27; Hebrews 10:23.)
- 2.** Why did Sarah laugh at God's promise? What inner thoughts caused her reaction?
- 3.** What current circumstances in your life cause you to doubt God can help? What verses could you memorize and proclaim during times of doubt?
- 4.** Meditate on Genesis 18:16-19:38. Describe what is taking place and identify attributes of God that are evident. (See also Psalm 33:18-22; Isaiah 30:18; Nahum 1:6-8; Romans 2:4.)
- 5.** List all the potential reasons why Lot hesitated to leave and why his wife looked back.

Wholehearted Devotion

LESSON 8 – GENESIS 21-22

- 1.** Meditate on Genesis 21-22. Read through the passage and list as many observations as you can find. What verses, repeated words, phrases and key points stand out to you?
- 2.** Describe Abraham from these two Genesis chapters. (See also Hebrews 11:17-19.)
- 3.** How was Abraham able to stay faithful to God? (See also Psalm 38:15, 39:7, 62:1-2; Romans 5:1-5; 1 Timothy 4:9-10.)
- 4.** What is the purpose of God's test of Abraham in Genesis 22? What is produced in our lives as a result of hardships or tests? (See also James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-9, 5:10.)

Legacy of Faith

LESSON 9 – GENESIS 23:1-25:11

- 1.** Meditate on Genesis 23:1-25:11. Read through the passage and list as many observations as you can find. What verses, repeated words, phrases and key points stand out to you?
- 2.** Define integrity. How does Abraham demonstrate faith and integrity in Genesis 23? (See also Job 2:3; Psalm 15, 26:1-3; Proverbs 11:3.)
- 3.** Reread chapter 24. How does Abraham demonstrate faith in this chapter? (See also Proverbs 16:3; Isaiah 26:3-4; Jeremiah 10:23.)
- 4.** How did Abraham's faith in God impact his servant? (See also Psalm 37:5-6.)

Reflection on Faith

LESSON 10 Look back through the past nine lessons and reflect on what God has revealed about Himself to you. Answer the following questions.

1. What attribute of God has been most obvious to you in this study? Why? Read Isaiah 40.
2. How has God revealed Himself in your own life and circumstances recently?
3. How important is a steadfast faith in God? What impact does it have? Read Hebrews 11.
4. How do we grow in our faith? (See Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Hebrews 10:19-25, 12:1-3.)

So then, those who
are of faith are blessed
along with Abraham,
the man of faith.

GALATIANS 3:9



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