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ABRAHAM

Hebrews 11:8-10; Genesis 12:1-5

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Abraham

- Genesis 17:5 Abram to Abraham – “father of many nations.”
- Romans 4:11 “the father of all who believe.”
- James 2:23 “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend.”

Three Questions

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- Father - Terah
- Called Abram at birth
- Siblings - Nahor and Haran
- Grew up in Ur
- Nephew was Lot (son of Haran)
- Married Sarai – later her named changed to Sarah
- Went to Harran

Reference: Genesis 11:27-32; Genesis 17:5; Gen 17:15

Abraham

- God said to “Go!” - “Lek”
- Moses – “Go to pharaoh...” (Exodus 7:15).
- Jonah - “Go to Nineveh...” (Jonah 1:2).

Joshua 24:2

Joshua said to all the people, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says:

‘Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshipped other gods.’

By faith, Abraham obeyed

- Genesis 12:4

“ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.”

- Hebrews 11:8

“By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.”

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'hupakouo'

- listen, understand, respond

It's for real – what is our response?

Matthew 4:18-22

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

**Our walk with our Lord Jesus
is a journey and a walk of faith that starts
with a simple obedience to His call.**

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Amazing Grace

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;

**How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.**

(John Newton)

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- Out of my 'comfort zone'
- 75 years old when we moved (Genesis 12:4)
- Go to a land "I will show you" (Genesis 12:2)
- I went out not knowing where I was going (Hebrews 11:8)

Genesis 12:2-3

“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

God tested Abraham – Genesis 22:1-14

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**Our walk with our Lord Jesus
is a journey of obedience even when things are
not clear, or when we find ourselves in situations
that we cannot understand.**

Our God is able!

- Romans 4:21 – He is able to do what he promised
- Hebrews 10:23 – He who promised is faithful

Great Is Thy
FAITHFULNESS

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- I kept looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.
(Hebrews 11:10)

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is a journey of obedience that looks to eternity
and not on the temporal.**

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Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. **And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.** For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



GO

TO

...let go of your pride

...live humbly and in service to others

...let go of old grudges

...live in complete freedom from past hurts

...let go of your excuses

...step up on your service in church, or your witness

...don't be 'lukewarm'

...be a person on fire for Jesus

...abandon any secret sin, obsession or addiction

...live in complete of obedience, holy and acceptable to Him

What is your legacy?

- Abel - live out our faith in our Worship to God
- Enoch - live out our faith by Walking with God – knowledge of the truth; faith in the truth
- Abraham - live out our faith by our Obedience to God.