

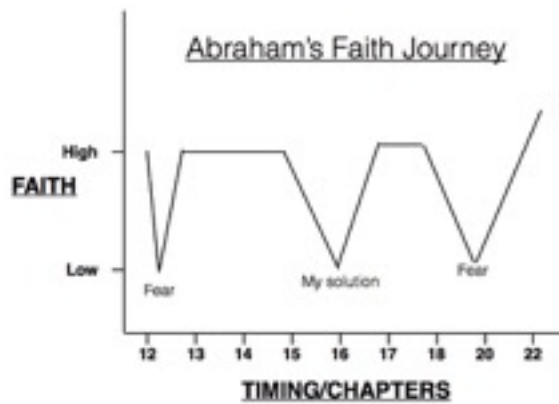
Men in the Bible

Applying Truths from Their Lives to Today

Abraham

Abraham's Story

- His Heritage (Genesis 11:27-32; Acts 7:2-4)
- His initial step of Faith and his Promise (Genesis 12:1-5)
- His Faith Journey (Genesis 12-22)



- His Relationship with God (Genesis 18)
- A **MAN** (Gen. 22:1-19; Heb. 11:8-19; Isaiah 41:8; James 2:23; 2 Chr. 20:7)
- ★ Abraham proved to be **God's man** because he believed (trusted) God. He had a close relationship with God and was His friend. He saw beyond today and looked to eternity.

Discussion Questions

1. In Genesis 18, Abraham is visited by the Lord and two of His angels. What does this chapter reveal about the relationship between Abraham and God? What does it tell us about how our relationship needs to be with God?
 - a) *Abraham made God feel “at home” when he visited in Genesis 18. Does God feel at home in our heart? Notice that God visited Abraham but did not visit Lot.*
 - b) *Abraham gave God his best and his future. He worshipped God. Are we willing to trust God with our lives and give Him our best?*
 - c) *Abraham and God had a close, personal relationship. Abraham felt comfortable expressing feelings and making requests to God. He spoke in reverence but could talk with God. We must spend time with God and develop that intimate relationship.*

2. In Genesis 22, Abraham takes a giant step of faith. How did he get to this level of faith? What hinders us from walking in faith at this level?

Remember the faith journey shown on page one. Development of our faith occurs over time. We take a step of faith and then take another, greater step of faith. One of the keys to our growth is to keep going forward, keep taking greater steps of faith, and to continually seek to be a man of great faith (never be satisfied with your walk). On occasion, we can let fears, failures, and guilt stop us. Never stop. Get back up from failure and follow God. God loves you.

3. Abraham looked to eternity as his home (Heb. 11:8-19). He had tremendous wealth yet never seemed to lay claim to things as his own. How did he get that eternal perspective? How can we walk each day with a look to eternity?
 - *He saw all that he had was from God and not his ability.*
 - *He saw heaven and God’s promise of the future and made that a priority.*
 - *He saw the temporal value of all around him.*
 - *He walked each day with God and knew what was important.*

4. Abraham is recognized as a man of great faith. Why did he have such great faith? How can we develop faith like Abraham?

He kept going forward. He did not quit. He believed God and saw God’s work in His life. He looked to eternity. Our challenge is to keep our eyes on eternity and to see God at work in us.

Commitment

Pray to God today. Tell God you want a close daily relationship with Him and you are willing to invest in that relationship. Confess areas where you struggle with faith and yield all to Him. Ask God to give you spiritual vision to keep focused on eternity.