

# Abraham: Answering The Call

Text: Gen. 12:1

## Intro:

1. You know - It is generally considered that the 7 greatest men in the Bible include: Adam, Abraham, Moses, David, John the Baptist, Apostle Peter, Apostle Paul.

2. But of all these great men - it soon quite clear - that the one man who made the most significant impact on our faith is the ~~one~~ man Abraham - father of the faithful.

3. Contrast Abraham →

1) Moses would have had no nation to lead.

2) David would have had no covenant to confirm.

3) John the Baptist would have had no message to preach.

4) Apostle Peter would have had no ~~spirit~~ ~~share~~ Pentecost to ~~preach~~ proclaim.

5) Apostle Paul would have had no church to ~~found~~ <sup>establish</sup> with the Gentiles.

4. This is the reason the Bible gives such prominence to Abraham → man of faith who answered the call of God with regard to his life.

1. Word used
2. Power
3. TOL, revealed
4. Heart
5. Prege

also of  
birth in  
mid of  
Paul

1) Gal. 3:6 → Paul tells us: "Abraham's  
 salvation → He believed God & it was credited  
 to him as righteousness. verse 8 → The scripture  
 forewarns that God would justify the Gentiles  
 by faith & announced the gospel in advance  
 to Abraham → "all nations will be blessed through  
 you verse 9 → So those who have faith are  
 blessed along with Abraham → the words of  
 faith.

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2) Heb. 11: 8-19 → portrait of Abraham's  
 faith → By faith Abraham:

- (1) obeyed God's call & went to a strange land &  
 even though he did not know where he was going.
- (2) Made his home in the Promised Land.
- (3) Lived like a stranger in a foreign country.
- (4) He & his family were heirs to a great  
 promise.
- (5) Looked forward to the city with  
 whose architect & builder is God.
- (6) Became the Father of Isaac through a  
 miracle of God evading a ban on Sarah - his  
 wife → to coming.
- (7) <sup>committed his</sup> Admitted <sup>his</sup> ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> was as alien & stranger in  
 lands.
- (8) <sup>cov. family</sup> Longed for a better country - a heavenly  
 one
- (9) God was not ashamed of his covenant  
 people - not ashamed to be called their God →  
 prepared a city for them.

(10) Abraham was willing to offer Isaac his son to God.

(11) God spared Isaac + made him the covenant heir

(12) Verse 19 → Abraham learned that God could raise the dead - + figuratively speaking → he did receive Isaac back from death.

3. This is the ~~fast~~ way to confident living → answer the the call →

4. This is the way God wants us to live our lives → Try the call to faith →

5. By faith:

1) Set our hearts on things above.

2) mind .. .. .

3) Crucify the flesh.

4) Control the spirit.

5) Defeat the devil.

6) Confess the cross to meet any circumstances.

7) Win the victory in every battle.

6.. Sounds fantastic → only one problem → I'm not Abraham → doesn't quite work for me.

1) Nothing ever turns out right →

(1) mind never stops - Ill

2) Nothing for the future → Ill → baseball players

7. Abraham was a human being just like us → made his share of mistakes: Wavered always on the pedestal of faith:

8. Look at Gen. 12: 10-20 → Abraham in the state of fear → famine in land → go to Egypt to have sufficient food → Abraham gets abused → 2 sons → doubts God // ~~decides~~ becomes doubtful about his faith & Sarah → "doubt" → descent → 2 tragic consequences:

- 1) Grieved God.
- 2) Weakened his own faith.
- 3) " Sarah's faith.
- 4) Sets a poor example for nephew Lot → some influence on Lot's later decisions.
- 5) Caused Pharaoh to be afflicted.
- 6) Picked up Hagar → Egyptian bondmaid → still suffering consequences of conflict between Jews & Ishmael → want to understand our problems w/til now in Middle East → read Gen. 16 → notes vers 11, 12.
- 7) Provided a very poor model for his son Isaac.

9. Beautiful thing we learn → God's patience / plon / fortifunes → continue → regardless of our decisions → ① Have frequent tests  
② Tempted to talk nastily in our own heads (doubt) (descent)

③  
planning time  
preparing time

10. God had given a 7 fold promise:

- 1) I will make you a great nation.
- 2) I will bless you.
- 3) I will make your name great.
- 4) You will be a blessing.
- 5) I will bless them that bless you.
- 6) I will curse them that curse you.
- 7) I will bless all the families of the earth because of your families.

→ Summary text / ~~the~~ temptations // triumphs.

11. Some promise God gives us → How get to that? → Gal. 3:29 → If you belong to Christ → then you are Abraham's seed → and heirs according to the promise.

12. All focuses on how we answer the call.

I. Requires Depart / Leave / Descent

- 1. Gen. 12:1 → Leave // Egypt → out of Egypt
- 2. Question of leaving birth → duyilep →
- 3. Oral Tradition → what is God saying → returns to duyilep →
- 4. Comes a point → Wally to leave → old country / U.S. of Chaldea → not easy →
  - 1) U.S. → one of most important cities in world.
  - 2) Big commercial center → located in Mesopotamia → on the Persian Gulf → bordered by Euphrates Tigris.
  - 3) Covered 4 square miles → population → 300,000

Leave all  
stove & out  
Bread fruit  
They all turned

4) City ahead of its time → center of education → rich archaeological evidence of proficiency in math, astronomy, medicine, & agronomy / <sup>interest in</sup> system <sup>and</sup> <sup>also</sup>

5) Shulgan clay tablets for numbers → preserved their cultural background for reorientation of their relig. & social life.

6) Polytheistic / polyon / idolatrous / immersed in religious life → worshipped a moon ~~to~~ god called Nanna →

7) Eweles had penetrated Ab's own family → father was a shepherd → rich fertile land surrounded city → God called Ababur → laws →

5. This what God is saying to us:

1) Leave All

(1) Luke 5: 27, 28 → After this, Jesus went out & saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at a tax booth → "Follow me" → Jesus said to him,

1st 28 → And Levi got up → left everything & followed him.

(2) Luke 14: 26 → If anyone comes to me & does not hate his father & mother - his wife & children - his brothers & sisters → yes, even his own life - he cannot be my disciple.

(3) Matt. 16: 24

<sup>mark</sup>  
(4) ~~Mark~~ 10:28 → Peter said to him → "We have left everything, to follow you."

(5) Rom. 8:13 → For if you live according to the sinful nature → you will die; but if by the spirit you put to death the members of the body → you will live.

(6) When we talk about leaving all → word set / heart set // → Col 3: 5 / 8 / 10

① Col. 3 →

word set

② Rom. 1: (Gen. 3:3: Origin of sin / Gen 4: first murder / Gen 6:5-8 → violence / immorality) / murders → flood. ) → word 28 → Jesus came to demand what → do what ought not to be done.

(7) Illustration → Einstein

(8) Illustration → White slave // tuned the camera.  
baby's a S.S. clown.

Hebrew → 2) Stand Fast

(1) Want loy test for Abraham → Gen 22 →  
Type of Colway → no now for God + Jehovah just →  
God will provide.

(2) Jn. 8:31 → TO the Jews who had believed him →  
Jesus said → If you hold to my teaching →  
you are truly my disciples.

(3) Jel: Eugene Long || Deon Gray ||

(4) Jel: Money to check at Philadelphia → Half past  
Half on → Way of escape → Tw. 3: 7, 10-13

Question 3) Reap the Reward :

(1) If had to choose one law → most important  
in life → Gal. 6: 7

(2) Jn. 15: 8 → This is to my Father's glory,  
that you bear much fruit → showing yourselves  
to be my disciples.

(3) Mark 10: 28-31 →

① Peter said → we have left everything to follow you.

29

② "I tell you the truth → Jesus replied → no  
one has left home or brother or sister or mother  
or father or children or fields for me + the gospel.

30

③ will fail to receive a hundred times as much  
in this present age (home, brother, sister,  
mother, children + fields - + with their  
persecutions) + in the age to come → eternal  
life.

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(4) But many who are ~~first~~ will be <sup>last</sup>  
+ the last first.

(4) Jel: Man on farm (Pearl) ||

We are rejoicing in  
renewal

renewal through Couple

(5) Jel: Goodwatts || Blind man