

## **Abraham: Living In The Full Blessing!**

Hebrews 11:1 (ESV) - Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV) - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1 (AMP) - Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses].

Hebrews 11:6 – (ESV) 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.

Romans 4:16 (ESV) - That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

Matthew 25:34 (ESV) - Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Ephesians 1:4 (ESV) - even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Ephesians 2:8 (ESV) - For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

Genesis 3:15 (ESV) - I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Romans 4:9–12 (ESV)

9 Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness.

10 How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised.

11 He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well,

12 and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

Genesis 17:17 (ESV) - Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"

Hebrews 11:8-12 (ESV)

8 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.

9 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.

10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

11 By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.

12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

Matthew 1:1 (ESV)- The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Romans 4:20 (ESV) - No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

Romans 4:22 (ESV) - That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness."

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV) - For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Genesis 12:1-3 (ESV)

1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

1. I will bless you!

2. I will make your name great!

3. You will be a blessing!

### **I. Be willing to Leave the Familiar! (The comfortable)**

Genesis 11:31 (ESV) - Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there.

Acts 7:2-3 (ESV)

2 And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,

3 and said to him, 'Go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.'

Joshua 24:2 (ESV) - And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods.

### **II. Be willing to Part from Lot (Wrong associations)**

Genesis 13:14-17 (ESV)

14 The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward,

15 for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever.

16 I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted.

17 Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you."

### **III. Be willing to Get Rid of Ishmael! (Flesh achievements)**

Genesis 17:18-19 (ESV)

18 And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!"

19 God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him.

### **IV. Be willing to Offer Your Isaac! (Your promised future)**

Genesis 22:10-12 (ESV)

10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

Genesis 22:16-18 (ESV)

16 and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,

17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,

18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

I. Be willing to Leave the Familiar! (The comfortable)

II. Be willing to Part from Lot! (Wrong associations)

III. Be willing to Get Rid of Ishmael! (Flesh achievements)

IV. Be willing to Offer Your Isaac! (Your promised future)