

Timeless lives from the God-Story
ABRAHAM: GOD'S CHOSEN MAN

Genesis 12-25

Think about the times you have felt truly special in your life. Perhaps it was that someone noticed your uniqueness or something about your special contribution to those around you. Or possibly the party planned by your friends that came out of nowhere - just to honor you or encourage you in the midst of a particularly tough time.

Abraham's life is built around the fact that he was chosen to be used by God despite his lack of suitability for God's purposes. His life is an up and down series of wrong impressions about God as well as some pretty tacky decision-making. What made him special? That God chose him for His purposes! And through the years Abraham became what we would consider a very unconventional man of faith.



Read Hebrews 11 and note each statement made concerning Abraham or his family. What qualified him to be a man of faith? What would make Abraham any different from you regarding his start and finish of his spiritual sojourn on the earth? What were God's promises to Abraham? What are God's promises to you?

Hebrews 11

- Who took initiative, Abraham or God? What was Abraham's response?
- What were the conditions of Abraham's life? What was he looking for?
- What was the promise made to Abraham?
- What appears to be the essence of faith in Abraham's life?
- What was the "better country" and in what way did it belong to him?

Genesis 12-14

Why is Abraham called Abram at first? What specifically was promised to Abraham? What do you learn about Abraham as a person from the events of this chapter? What was the significance of the difference between Lot and Abraham's choices? What do the wars of chapter 14 reveal about the condition of Abraham's world? Why didn't Abraham want to owe anyone anything?

Genesis 15-18

What was the significance of Abraham being promised a son? Why did God allow the conditions for Ishmael and Isaac's problems to occur? Why was the covenant of circumcision so radical? Why did Sodom have to be judged? How does chapter 19 reflect upon modern day issues?

Genesis 19-25

In what ways is Abraham's faith growing? Is it still incomplete? How could Abraham even consider what he is considering in chapter 22? Why the shift in focus to Isaac? Who are Abraham's blood relatives today? Who are Ishmael's blood relatives today? What does this tell you about current events?

My conclusions from this study...
