

Genesis 17.1-7: When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said,
"I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations.

No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.

I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

James 2.20-24: You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?

You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.

And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend.

You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

Abraham

Big Names in the Bible, pt 2



The story of Abraham is one of the longest in the Bible

It starts in Genesis 11 and continues into Genesis 25

Abram = exalted **father**
Abraham = father of **multitudes**

Jews & Christians see him as father through Isaac

Muslims see him as father through Ishmael

note, Ishmael his first born through Hagar, Sarah's servant woman

Romans 4.16: Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring--not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham.

He is the father of us all.

Abraham is mostly known for his **faith**



Genesis 12.1,4: The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you." ò

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Abram was seventy-five years old



Genesis 22.2: Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love--Isaac--and go to of Moriah.

Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering



God calls... Abram obeys

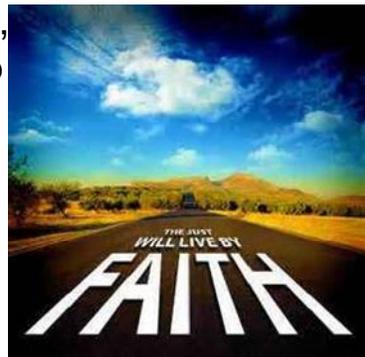
Abraham **obeyed** in faith

James 2.23-24: And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend.

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Faith = what we **truly** believe
Faith = **living** by those beliefs

I John 1.7: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.



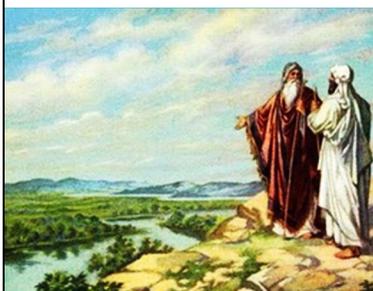
Abraham had a **close** relationship with God



Genesis 12, 15, 17 18, 22

Abraham was a **generous** man

Consider his relationship with Lot



Genesis 13

examples of long conversations with the Lord

Abraham was still human:
he made **mistakes**

Lying to protect himself

Genesis 12

Genesis 20



Listening to bad advice

Sarah, Hagar & Ishmael

Genesis 16

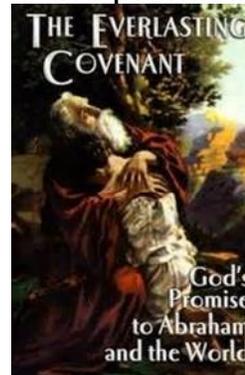
Genesis 21



Abraham received God's **covenant**

Genesis 17.7: I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

Galatians 3.29: If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.



In the New Testament, Abraham symbolized what was **right** in the Jews

John 8.56-58: Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."



Jesus uses Abraham to show that Jesus is God

"You are not yet fifty years old," they said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!"

"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"

Abraham came to represent the **spiritual** Israel that followed Yahweh as God, then accepted Jesus as the Son of God

Galatians 3.6-7: So also Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham.

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in Christ

Abraham

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Galatians 3.6-7

Application:

Here are some key events in Abraham's life:

Gen 11-12	Abram called by God, goes to Canaan
Gen 12	Abram in Egypt, lies to Pharaoh about Sarah
Gen 13	Abram & Lot
Gen 14	Abram fights other tribes in Canaan
Gen 15	God promises Abram a son
Gen 16	Abram sleep with servant girl Hagar, has son Ishmael
Gen 17	God covenants with Abram, changing his name to Abraham; circumcision a sign
Gen 18	The Lord & angels visit Abraham, they argue about saving Sodom from destruction
Gen 19	Destruction of Sodom
Gen 20	Abraham lies to Abimelek about Sarah
Gen 21	Isaac born; Hagar & Ishmael banished
Gen 22	Sacrifice and saving of Isaac
Gen 23	Sarah dies and is buried in Hebron
Gen 24	Rebekah brought from Haran for Isaac
Gen 25	Abraham remarries, lives 40 more years (to 175); dies and is buried with Sarah

Abraham could write a long personal testimony about how God directed his life. What personal testimony can you write about how Christ has directed yours?

Do you have a covenant with God? What is it?

Have you ever been afraid to trust in God? Why?

