

Wednesday Night Local Groups

Life

of

Abraham

September 2017 - May 2018

## Introduction: Life of Abraham

Abraham is the founding father of the nation of Israel. However, he himself did not found the nation. Truly God is the founding father. God chose Abram and revealed His plan for Abram's life. This made Abraham one of the most significant individuals in all of biblical history. The life of Abraham is interesting to Christians because he demonstrated the life of faith. When God revealed His will for Abram ("exalted father"), Abram believed God and became Abraham ("father of a multitude"). He demonstrated what it means to hear the word of God and receive it with the responses of faith and obedience. His responses were not always perfect, but the overall character of His life demonstrated what it means to follow God.

The life of Abraham was not something brand new in the plan and purpose of God. In Genesis 3:15, the LORD God promised to send "the seed of the woman" to defeat Satan and the damage he instigated with Adam and Eve – and to secure the salvation of sinners. The seed promise meant that the seed of the woman (Eve) who was deceived by the Serpent would be the very One (the Messiah, the Christ) who would be victorious in the end. Ultimately the seed was and is Jesus Christ. But the seed promised passed through Abraham because God intended not only to accomplish the victory, and the salvation, but also to restore the dominion that rightly belongs to God alone. The promises of God to Abraham indicated that the seed promise would also include land, nation and blessing (physical and spiritual) in establishing the forever kingdom of God.

Abraham's life as revealed in Scripture can be divided up into four periods:

1. Genesis 12-14 The Call Abraham, age 75
2. Genesis 15-16 The Promise Abraham, age 86
3. Genesis 17-21 The Covenant Abraham, age 99 – 100
4. Genesis 22-25 The Test Abraham with Isaac ("a lad") – age 175

In these four periods, Abraham's faith in God's promises is observed. Abraham sometimes faltered, but his faith was firmly established. Faith is the simple response of believing the Word of God. Believers know that this faith is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8-10) and not merely the work of man. The response of faith is to believe in God – and then to persevere in that faith. In Abraham's life, the perseverance of that faith involved bold belief, surrender and loss, obedience, and divine fulfillment of key promises. The life of faith is never easy. In fact, the life of faith is quite impossible apart from the grace of God. Abraham is the example of faith for all to behold and follow.

In this study, examine the life of Abraham in light of his faith – and your faith. See Abraham’s victories and his defeats – his losses because he followed his own desires rather than God – and the faithfulness of God in keeping His covenant, promises and word to Abraham. He will do the same for you! And then, in the last four lessons, observe how the inspired authors of Scripture use Abraham as an example of different aspects of faith in the New Testament. Pray that the Lord will use Abraham as an example for your own faith to be strengthened in your walk with the Lord.

### MEMORY WORK: NASB

Lessons 1-5: Genesis 12:1-3  
Lesson 6-10: Genesis 15:6 and 22:14  
Lessons 11-15: Romans 4:23-25  
Lessons 16-20: Galatians 3:13-14  
Lessons 21-25: Hebrews 11:1-2 and 11:6  
Lessons 26-30: James 2:20-22

### QUESTIONS FOR LESSONS 1-26 (Genesis passages):

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?
2. What does this passage reveal about God?
3. What does this passage reveal about man ... and you?
4. What part of this passage spoke to your heart in a special way?
5. How does this passage encourage you in living the life of faith?

### QUESTIONS FOR LESSONS 27-30 (New Testament passages):

1. What is significant about Abraham in this passage?
2. How is Abraham used as an example in this passage?
3. What does this passage teach us about God?
4. What does this passage teach us about Christians ... about you?
5. What truth can we learn from this passage to encourage our life of faith?

**Scripture for Memorization (NASB):****Lessons 1-5: Genesis 12:1-3**

1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; 2 And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; 3 And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

**Lesson 6-10: Genesis 15:6 and 22:14****Genesis 15:6**

6 Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**Genesis 22:14**

14 Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the LORD it will be provided."

**Lessons 11-15: Romans 4:23-25**

23 Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him, 24 but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

**Lessons 16-20: Galatians 3:13-14**

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"— 14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

**Lessons 21-25: Hebrews 11:1-2 and 11:6****Hebrews 11:1-2**

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the men of old gained approval.

**Hebrews 11:6**

6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

## Scripture for Memorization (cont.)

### Lessons 26-30: James 2:20-22

20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? 22 You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected;

**Study Schedule: Life of Abraham**

#	Date	Title	Scripture	Memory
1	09/20/17	"The Abrahamic Covenant"	Genesis 12: 1-9	Genesis 12:1-3
2	09/27/17	"The Journey to Egypt"	Genesis 12: 10-12	review
3	10/04/17	"The Family Divide"	Genesis 13: 1-13	review
4	10/11/17	"The Land Promise"	Genesis 13: 14-18	review
5	10/18/17	"The Battle and Rescue"	Genesis 14: 1-16	review
6	10/25/17	"The Blessing of the LORD"	Genesis 14: 17-24	Genesis 15:6 Genesis 22:14
7	11/01/17	"The Promise and Faith"	Genesis 15: 1-6	review
8	11/08/17	"Affirming the Promise"	Genesis 15: 7-21	review
9	11/15/17	"Pursuing the Promise"	Genesis 16: 1-6	review
	<b>11/22/17</b>	<b>No meeting due to Thanksgiving</b>		
10	11/29/17	"The God Who Sees Me"	Genesis 16: 7-16	review
		<b>Advent Study</b>		
1A	12/06/17			
2A	12/13/17			
3A	12/20/17			
	<b>12/27/17</b>	<b>No Study due to Christmas Holiday</b>		
11	01/03/18	"Abram to Abraham"	Genesis 17: 1-8	Romans 4:23-25
12	01/10/18	"The Covenant Sign"	Genesis 17: 9-14	review
13	01/17/18	"Sarai to Sarah"	Genesis 17:15-27	review
14	01/24/18	"The Promise of Isaac"	Genesis 18:1-15	review
15	01/31/18	"Abraham's Intercession"	Genesis 18:16-33	review

*"For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen" (Romans 11:36).*

16	02/07/18	"The Wickedness of Sodom"	Genesis 19: 1-11	Galatians 3:13-14
	<b>02/14/18</b>	<b>No Study due to Spring Bible Conference @TBC</b>		
17	02/21/18	"Deliverance and Judgment"	Genesis 19: 12-29	review
18	02/28/18	"Moab and Ammon"	Genesis 19: 30-38	review
19	03/07/18	"The Fear of Man"	Genesis 20: 1-7	review
20	03/14/18	"The Fear of God"	Genesis 20: 8-18	review
21	03/21/18	"The Birth of Isaac"	Genesis 21: 1-7	Hebrews 11:1-2 Hebrews 11:6
22	03/28/18	"The God Who Hears"	Genesis 21: 8-21	review
23	04/04/18	"The Everlasting God"	Genesis 21: 22-34	review
24	04/11/18	"The Test of Abraham"	Genesis 22: 1-8	review
25	04/18/18	"The Lord Will Provide"	Genesis 22: 9-19	review
26	04/25/18	"The Cave of Machpelah"	Genesis 23: 1-20	James 2:20-22
27	05/02/18	"Justification by Faith"	Romans 4: 1-25	review
28	05/09/18	"Justification in Christ"	Galatians 3: 1-29	review
29	05/16/18	"Faith and Obedience"	Hebrews 11: 8-19	review
30	05/23/18	"Faith that Works"	James 2: 14-26	review
	05/30/18	Wrap-up and Launch at Hillcrest		

**September 20 ■ Lesson 1**

**Life of Abraham**

**“The Abrahamic Covenant”**

**Text:** Genesis 12: 1-9

**Memory Verses:** Genesis 12:1-3

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

2. What does this passage reveal about God?

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5. How does this passage encourage you in living the life of faith?



## September 27 ■ Lesson 2

### Life of Abraham

#### **“The Journey to Egypt”**

**Text:** Genesis 12: 10-12

**Memory Verses:** Genesis 12:1-3 (review)

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**October 4 ■ Lesson 3**

**Life of Abraham**

**“The Family Divide”**

**Text:** Genesis 13:1-13

**Memory Verses:** Genesis 12:1-3 (review)

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

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**October 11 ■ Lesson 4**

**Life of Abraham**

**“The Land Promise”**

**Text:** Genesis 13:14-18

**Memory Verses:** Genesis 12:1-3 (review)

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

2. What does this passage reveal about God?

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**October 18 ■ Lesson 5**

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**“The Battle and Rescue”**

**Text:** Genesis 14:1-16

**Memory Verses:** Genesis 12:1-3 (review)

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

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**October 25 ■ Lesson 6**

**Life of Abraham**

**“The Blessing of the LORD ”**

**Text:** Genesis 14:17-24

**Memory Verses:** Genesis 15:6 and Genesis 22:14

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

2. What does this passage reveal about God?

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**November 1 ■ Lesson 7**

**Life of Abraham**

**“The Promise and Faith”**

**Text:** Genesis 15:1-6

**Memory Verses:** Genesis 15:6 and Genesis 22:14 (review)

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

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**November 8 ■ Lesson 8**

**Life of Abraham**

**“Affirming the Promise”**

**Text:** Genesis 15:7-21

**Memory Verses:** Genesis 15:6 and Genesis 22:14 (review)

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

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**November 15 ■ Lesson 9**

**Life of Abraham**

**“Pursuing the Promise”**

**Text:** Genesis 16:1-6

**Memory Verses:** Genesis 15:6 and Genesis 22:14 (review)

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

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**November 29 ■ Lesson 10**

**Life of Abraham**

**“The God Who Sees Me”**

**Text:** Genesis 16:7-16

**Memory Verses:** Genesis 15:6 and Genesis 22:14 (review)

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

2. What does this passage reveal about God?

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## January 3 ■ Lesson 11

### Life of Abraham

#### **“Abram to Abraham”**

**Text:** Genesis 17:1-8

**Memory Verses:** Romans 4:23-25

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

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## January 10 ■ Lesson 12

### Life of Abraham

#### **“The Covenant Sign”**

**Text:** Genesis 17:9-14

**Memory Verses:** Romans 4:23-25 (review)

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

2. What does this passage reveal about God?

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## January 17 ■ Lesson 13

### Life of Abraham

#### **“Sarai to Sarah”**

**Text:** Genesis 17:15-27

**Memory Verses:** Romans 4:23-25 (review)

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

2. What does this passage reveal about God?

3. What does this passage reveal about man ... and you?

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## January 24 ■ Lesson 14

### Life of Abraham

#### **“The Promise of Isaac”**

**Text:** Genesis 18:1-15

**Memory Verses:** Romans 4:23-25 (review)

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

2. What does this passage reveal about God?

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## January 31 ■ Lesson 15

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#### **“Abraham’s Intercession”**

**Text:** Genesis 18:16-33

**Memory Verses:** Romans 4:23-25 (review)

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

2. What does this passage reveal about God?

3. What does this passage reveal about man ... and you?

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**February 7 ■ Lesson 16**

**Life of Abraham**

**“The Wickedness of Sodom”**

**Text:** Genesis 19:1-11

**Memory Verses:** Galatians 3:13-14

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

2. What does this passage reveal about God?

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**February 21 ■ Lesson 17**

**Life of Abraham**

**“Deliverance and Judgment”**

**Text:** Genesis 19:12-29

**Memory Verses:** Galatians 3:13-14 (review)

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

2. What does this passage reveal about God?

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**February 28 ■ Lesson 18**

**Life of Abraham**

**“Moab and Ammon”**

**Text:** Genesis 19:30-38

**Memory Verses:** Galatians 3:13-14 (review)

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2. What does this passage reveal about God?

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**March 7 ■ Lesson 19**

**Life of Abraham**

**“The Fear of Man”**

**Text:** Genesis 20:1-7

**Memory Verses:** Galatians 3:13-14 (review)

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

2. What does this passage reveal about God?

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**March 14 ■ Lesson 20**

**Life of Abraham**

**“The Fear of God”**

**Text:** Genesis 20:8-18

**Memory Verses:** Galatians 3:13-14 (review)

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

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**March 21 ■ Lesson 21**

**Life of Abraham**

**“The Birth of Isaac”**

**Text:** Genesis 21:1-7

**Memory Verses:** Hebrews 11:1-2 and Hebrews 11:6

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

2. What does this passage reveal about God?

3. What does this passage reveal about man ... and you?

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**March 28 ■ Lesson 22**

**Life of Abraham**

**“The God Who Hears”**

**Text:** Genesis 21:8-21

**Memory Verses:** Hebrews 11:1-2 and Hebrews 11:6 (review)

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

2. What does this passage reveal about God?

3. What does this passage reveal about man ... and you?

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**April 4 ■ Lesson 23**

**Life of Abraham**

**“The Everlasting God”**

**Text:** Genesis 21:22-34

**Memory Verses:** Hebrews 11:1-2 and Hebrews 11:6 (review)

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

2. What does this passage reveal about God?

3. What does this passage reveal about man ... and you?

4. What part of this passage spoke to your heart in a special way?

5. How does this passage encourage you in living the life of faith?

**April 11 ■ Lesson 24**

**Life of Abraham**

**“The Test of Abraham”**

**Text:** Genesis 22:1-8

**Memory Verses:** Hebrews 11:1-2 and Hebrews 11:6 (review)

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

2. What does this passage reveal about God?

3. What does this passage reveal about man ... and you?

4. What part of this passage spoke to your heart in a special way?

5. How does this passage encourage you in living the life of faith?

## April 18 ■ Lesson 25

### Life of Abraham

#### **“The Test of Abraham”**

**Text:** Genesis 22:1-8

**Memory Verses:** Hebrews 11:1-2 and Hebrews 11:6 (review)

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

2. What does this passage reveal about God?

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**April 25 ■ Lesson 26**

**Life of Abraham**

**“The Cave of Machpelah”**

**Text:** Genesis 23:1-20

**Memory Verses:** James 2:20-22

1. Describe the historical events in this passage – What is happening?

2. What does this passage reveal about God?

3. What does this passage reveal about man ... and you?

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**May 2 ■ Lesson 27****Life of Abraham****“Justification by Faith”**

**Text:** Romans 4:1-25

**Memory Verses:** James 2:20-22 (review)

**(Note: New study questions for lessons 27-30)**

1. What is significant about Abraham in this passage?

2. How is Abraham used as an example in this passage?

3. What does this passage teach us about God?

4. What does this passage teach us about Christians ... about you?

5. What truth can we learn from this passage to encourage our life of faith?

**May 9 ■ Lesson 28**

**Life of Abraham**

**“Justification in Christ”**

**Text:** Galatians 3:1-29

**Memory Verses:** James 2:20-22 (review)

**(Note: New Study Questions for 27-30)**

1. What is significant about Abraham in this passage?

2. How is Abraham used as an example in this passage?

3. What does this passage teach us about God?

4. What does this passage teach us about Christians ... about you?

5. What truth can we learn from this passage to encourage our life of faith?

**May 16 ■ Lesson 29**

**Life of Abraham**

**“Faith and Obedience”**

**Text:** Hebrews 11: 8-19

**Memory Verses:** James 2:20-22 (review)

1. What is significant about Abraham in this passage?
2. How is Abraham used as an example in this passage?
3. What does this passage teach us about God?
4. What does this passage teach us about Christians ... about you?
5. What truth can we learn from this passage to encourage our life of faith?

**May 23 ■ Lesson 30**

**Life of Abraham**

**“Faith that Works”**

**Text:** James 2:14-26

**Memory Verses:** James 2:20-22 (review)

1. What is significant about Abraham in this passage?
2. How is Abraham used as an example in this passage?
3. What does this passage teach us about God?
4. What does this passage teach us about Christians ... about you?
5. What truth can we learn from this passage to encourage our life of faith?