

## Walking with Abraham

### Lesson #1: The Foundation of Our Faith

#### Introduction:

1. Our theme for our church this year has been: **Gearing Up**. Today, we're beginning a new series, a character study: **Gearing Up in Our Faith: Walking with Abraham**.
2. This study isn't so much about Abraham as it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Abraham. We want to keep that in mind as we study the life of one of God's chosen servants, and a key figure in the OT and in the history of God's plan for mankind!
3. The purpose of this series is three-fold:
  - To help us develop a more biblical understanding of God's purpose and goal in our walking by faith.
  - To motivate individual believers to consistently walk by faith in a more biblical manner.
  - To help us as a church family grow in our focus and practice of walking by faith.
4. Today our focus is on Genesis 11-12:9 and "**The Foundation of our Faith.**"

#### I. Found in the Sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

A. CREATION: God \_\_\_\_\_ man (Gen. 1:26-27).

- God created mankind to be His \_\_\_\_\_ representatives of His invisible self, to declare His \_\_\_\_\_ to the created order.

B. FALL: God makes a \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 3:15).

- This promise is an act of \_\_\_\_\_ on God's part – God giving us what we do not deserve!

C. Flood: God demonstrates His \_\_\_\_\_ through Wrath, and His \_\_\_\_\_ through the Ark (Gen. 6-8).

- God is in \_\_\_\_\_ – He is absolutely sovereign over the events of man – it's His \_\_\_\_\_!

D. Covenant: God makes a promise to \_\_\_\_\_, his descendants, and every living creature (Gen. 9-10).

E. Rebellion: God \_\_\_\_\_ man in spite of their rebellion (Gen. 11:1-9).

- When we try to make a name for ourselves, God ensures that we get a name, the name "\_\_\_\_\_!"

F. Seed: God allows Abram's wife, Sarai, to be \_\_\_\_\_ (no 'seed') (Gen. 11:30).

- Barrenness is the way of human history. It is an effective metaphor for \_\_\_\_\_!

#### II. Found in The Gracious \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Gen. 12:1-3).

A. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ to Abram.

B. Consider the radical nature of God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to Abraham.

1. The COMMANDS:

2. The PROMISES:

C. The Expectation God had of Abraham: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_-Based Response of God's Servant (Gen. 12:4-9).**

- That's FAITH = believing that God \_\_\_\_\_ something we don't know and God can \_\_\_\_\_ something that we can't do!

A. Faith leads us to \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 12:4-6).

1. IMPORTANT: This is the key, when Abraham believed and acted upon God's Word, he became a pivotal person to bring back order to the chaos of mankind, ultimately resulting in the Messiah. He did all of this without full knowledge of how God was going to accomplish this.

2. However, as we will see the story unfold, Abraham's pivotal role is \_\_\_\_\_ a one time "act of faith." His pivotal role is realized as he journeys on with God with multiple acts of faith, an adventure of faith if you will, that, yes, starts here with a single step!

B. Faith leads to \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 12:7).

- Lesson: What you do at the altar of \_\_\_\_\_ impacts the altar of \_\_\_\_\_!

C. Faith leads to \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 12:8-9).

- The fact that he called on the name of LORD reveals a heart of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; he called upon Yahweh, not the gods of the Canaanites!

**Conclusion:**

**Next Week:** Genesis 12:10-20, "When God's People Blow It."