

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."