

The Faith of Abraham

And he believed in the Lord and
he counted it to him for
righteousness. - Gen. 15:6

God's 1st Visit to Abram

Building Faith

- A Simple Step, Gen. 12:1-9
 - God spoke
 - Abram acted

Stresses Against Faith

- Deception, Gen. 12:10-20
- Family feud, 13:1-13

God's 2nd Visit to Abram

Building Faith

- Patience of God nurtures faith, Gen. 13:14-18
 - Reiteration of promises and duty
 - Abram acted and worshipped

Stresses Against Faith

- Trouble with kings, Gen. 14

God's 3rd Visit to Abram

Building Faith

- Faith Encouraged, Confidence Confirmed, Gen. 15
 - Reminder of who God is
 - Promises reiterated
 - Covenant granted

Stresses Against Faith

- Impatience, Gen. 16
 - Helping God another way
 - A son not promised

God's 4th Visit to Abram

Building Faith

- Faiths Covenant, Gen. 17
 - God encourages faithfulness, v. 1
 - Covenant based on duty, vv. 1, 2
 - Renaming, vv. 5, 15
 - Covenant made in the flesh, v. 10
 - Covenant established through Sarah, v. 21
 - Covenant engaged; Abraham proves sincerity and faith, v. 22

God's 5th Visit to Abraham

Building Faith

- The Friend of God, Gen. 18
 - Testing unlike priors
 - What is the heart of Abraham towards others?
 - Passes the test as a supplicant
 - Quietness of faith: God's will be done

Stresses Against Faith

- Fear & Assumption, Gen. 20
 - ½ truths
 - Instead of a blessing to all nations, now a curse to one

God's 6th Visit to Abraham

Building Faith

- Faith builders / solidifiers, Gen. 21
 - Isaac born on time
 - Named as instructed
 - Circumcised per duty
 - Sarah's mockery turned to true joy
- A Simple Confident Trust, vv. 12-21
 - Promises for the two sons
 - Abraham acts

Stresses Against Faith

- Family troubles, Gen. 21
- Grief for Ishmael

God's 6th Visit to Abram

Building Faith

- Faiths Convicted Stand
 - These wells are mine,
Gen. 21:22-34
 - Evidence of faith in
land / generation
promise

God's 7th / Final Visit to Abraham

Building Faith

- The Test of God - Faiths Great Trial, Gen. 22
 - Similar to test of ch. 18
 - Specific command
 - Swift / complete obedience
 - Remember 18:19

What the Test Proved

- Abe's faith and love
- To whom did it prove?
 - To Abraham
 - To the world
- Affirmed things of God
 - His faithfulness (to the Isaac promise)
 - His plea for men to be as He is (willing to give son)
 - His compassion

Contagious Faith

State of Abe's Faith

- Looking for a wife for Isaac, Gen. 24
 - Abe's conviction, v. 3
 - Abe's confidence, v. 7

The Servant

- Closest to him, Gen. 24:2
 - Faith like Abe's, v. 12
 - Faith accomplished, v. 25
 - Telling others faiths story, v. 34
 - Remembering God, v. 52
 - Completion of duty, v. 56

The Story Continues...

- In Abraham's son, Gen. 24:63
- In all believers, Rom. 4:11, 12

Shall it continue with you??