# The Story Of Abraham

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## INTRODUCTION

- Abraham stands as the father of the faithful. And Paul gives him as the example of one who was justified by faith, but also by grace.
- Abraham was not just the father of those who shared his Jewish lineage, but he was the father of the Gentile Christians as well, because of their faith.
- He is our father because we are reaping the blessings of this promise made to Abraham.

## 1 The Story of Father Abraham

**Genesis 12**

- Nation, land, and seed are the major components of the promise that God makes to Abraham.
- Abraham and Sarah must have children. But at the age of 75, they have none. All they have is a promise.
- The birth of their son Isaac. Finally, almost 25 years after God initially made this promise.
- Abraham's faith, as Paul would point out in his letter to the Romans, faith is demonstrated so powerfully as he begins to obey God and to offer his son as a sacrifice upon that altar.

## 2 Abraham Had a Willing Mind

**Genesis 12:1–4**

- One thing we notice about Abraham is that Abraham had a willing mind.
- Abraham was willing to do what God asked him to do no matter what.
- So Abraham departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him.
- Abraham did what he was told. That sums up the life of Abraham, doesn't it? He willingly obeyed God.
- Whatever God asks of us, no matter how challenging, no matter how confusing, no matter how contrary to what my own selfish desires might want for my life, I need to be willing to submit and to obey God.
- The text over and over again emphasizes, I think intentionally, that when Abraham did that, it says he arose early in the morning.

## 3 Abraham Had a Worshipful Mind

**Genesis 12:6–7; Genesis 22:5**

- Abraham also had a worshipful mind.
- Abraham would have been easy to find. Because he always left behind him a trail of altars.
- And there he built an altar to the Lord who appeared to him.
- The lad and I will go yonder and worship. And we'll come back to you. That's the first time the word worship appears in our Bible.
- We worship God because He is worthy of our worship.

- We affirm Him as our superior. We show honor to one who is deserving of that honor.

## 4 Abraham Had a Sacrificial Mind

**Hebrews 13:15; Hebrews 13:16**

- Abraham had a sacrificial mind.
- That mind of reverence and awe and respect is not confined to the walls of any building or to the stones of any altar.
- His journey, the journey that we know about, begins with a sacrifice. Leave your home and your family and go.
- The whole concept behind a sacrifice was that it was to cost them something.
- By him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God. That is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name.
- But do not forget to do good and to share. For with such sacrifices, God is well pleased.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **At what age will your journey of faith begin? It can start today.**

MY NOTES