

The Unfolding Drama Of Redemption: Part 9 –Abraham Part 1 February 27, 2011.
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I. Abraham's _____ In God's Word Serves As A _____ For Our Spiritual Journey.

1. Faith Is Expressed By _____ From The _____ And _____ Of The World.

2. Faith Is Expressed By _____ God's Word, Even When It Seems _____ Or _____.

3. Faith Is Expressed By _____ To Trust And Obey God Despite _____ And _____.

4. Faith Is Expressed By Obeying God Even When It Means _____ What You _____ Or _____ Most.

1. In what situation, past or present, have you found it most difficult to have faith in God?
2. The Bible speaks about genuine faith (1 Peter 1:7) and imitation faith (James 2:14-26). What are the differences between real and counterfeit faith?
3. Abraham's faith was expressed by his obeying God's command to leave his land (Babylon.) God's people are always called to "come out of Babylon." (See Revelation 18:2-4.) What does it mean to separate from Babylon today?
4. In the process of leaving Ur (Babylon), Abraham's family settled for a time in Haran, which is 1/2 way to Canaan, instead of completing the journey. What are the spiritual lessons in this event for Christians today?
5. Abraham expressed his faith by believing God's Word about having descendents and possessing the land of Canaan even though moving his family to a foreign land seemed foolish and having descendents seemed impossible. What seemingly foolish or impossible teachings or aspects of the Bible are Christians called to believe today?
6. God repeatedly reaffirmed His Word-Promises to Abraham of having descendents and possessing the land. Why do you think God did this? How does God do the same today regarding the promises that He has made to Christians?
7. Abraham's faith was expressed in his continuing to trust and obey God even though he experienced many problems and did not see the promises fulfilled for many decades. How is patience-perseverance related to genuine faith?
8. Hebrews 11:13 says that "All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance." In your opinion, what does this verse mean for Christians today?
9. In Genesis 22, God called Abraham to have a faith and commitment to Him that was even willing to risk what he loved dearly (Isaac his son.) Do you think it is fair for God to expect so much? Does God call Christians to take similar risk or make similar sacrifices today?
10. In Genesis 22:12 the angel says, "Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." Would an angel observing our lives come to the same conclusion about our faith and commitment to God?