

# 246 IN THE BEGINNING

## Lesson 06— Abram (Man of Faith)

### I. 3 Promises Made to Abram (**Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 15:18-21, Genesis 17**)

- A. A LAND (also see **Genesis 13:14-15**)
- B. A great NATION from him (also see **Genesis 13:16**)
- C. ALL families of the earth will be blessed through him

### II. Having FAITH vs Taking Things in Your OWN HANDS

- A. Faith- Left his FRIENDS and relatives and followed God (**Genesis 12:4-5**)
- B. Own Hands- Doubted that God would give him a SON at his age (**Genesis 15:2-5**)
  - 1. Because of Sarai's age, Abram had a child with their maid, Hagar (**Genesis 16**)
  - 2. the result- Ishmael is born (who begins the ARAB race)  
\*the Arabs are still at war with the Israelites to this day

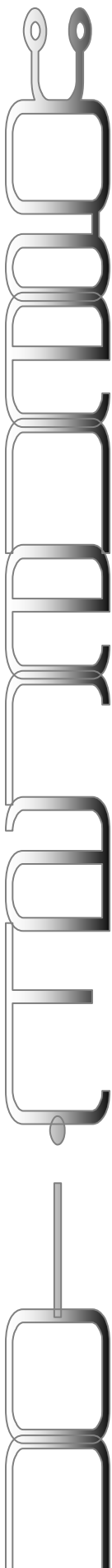
### III. God is FORGIVING and FAITHFUL to What He Promises

- A. Abram and Sarai doubted God, but God still changed their names to ABRAHAM & SARAH  
\*names mean that they will have many descendants
- B. Abraham would have a son (ISAAC) when he became 100 years old (**Genesis 21:1-7**)  
\*Isaac would become the father of the Israelites!

Key Verse: **Genesis 18:14**

### IV. One Final Test

- A. Now that God had given Abraham a son, He asked him to SACRIFICE Isaac (**Genesis 22:2**)
- B. Abraham IMMEDIATELY obeyed (**Genesis 22:3**)  
\*God would stop Abraham just before he sacrificed his son
- C. God saw that Abraham truly FEARED God (**Genesis 22:12**)
- D. God then reminded Abraham of the BLESSINGS in store for him (**Genesis 22:15-18**)



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## Small Groups

### 2 Key Points:

1. God has a plan for my life

**Discuss:** When we look at the life of Abraham, we see that God had a great plan for him, but he needed to do 2 things:

1. Have faith in God
2. Be patient & not take things in his own hands

**Question:** What was the result when Abraham took his life in his own hands? (Ishmael)  
\*the result of that mistake is still seen today!

**Question:** What was the result when Abraham waited on God? (an amazing miracle- Isaac)

2. There should be evidence of our faith in Christ (true faith produces good works)

Read **Ephesians 2:8-10**

**Question:** According to these verses, what gives us salvation? (faith- by God's grace)

**Question:** According to verse 10, what are we created to do? (walk with Christ & good works)

Read **James 2:14-23**

**Question:** What does verse 19 say about us just "believing" in God? (so do demons)

**Discuss:** Look at verse 18. Can people see your faith in God by your works, or do you "just believe"?

\*\*\* Did you notice we never talked about the final promise God made to Abram? We'll talk about this next week. Can you think of how this will be fulfilled? Hint...it's the typical Sunday School answer (Jesus)!

**Take it home:** Read more about Abraham and his faith in Hebrews 11!