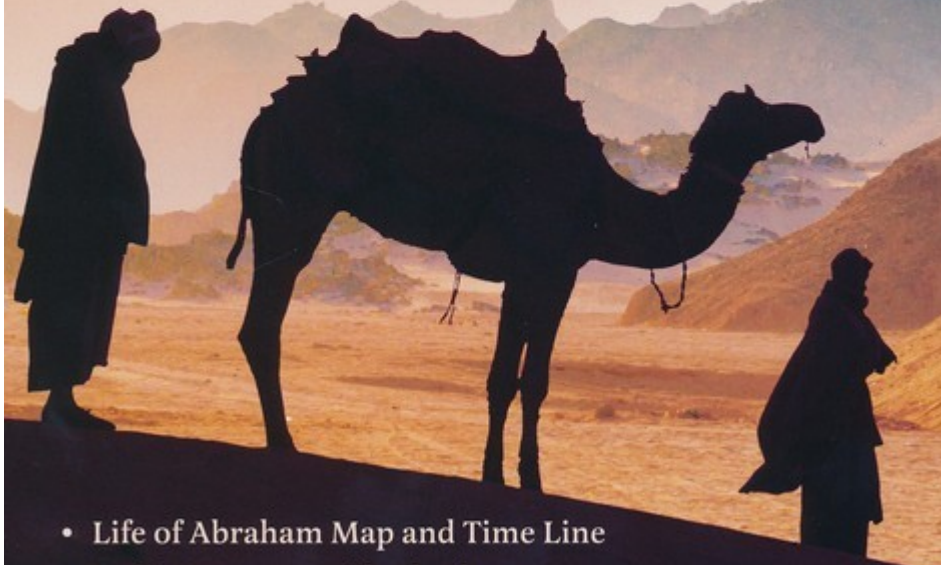


To the Promised Land

Abraham

A Journey of Faith



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Imagine being a close friend of an important person: the president of the country, an award-winning musician, the most popular sports star in town. It'd increase your own reputation! Now imagine the God of infinite power choosing a mere mortal and calling him friend. Such a person existed. God called Abraham "my friend" (Isa. 41:8), and the apostle Paul said that "he [Abraham] is the father of us all" (Rom. 4:16). Those are some impressive credentials!

The Scriptures don't tell us why God chose Abraham. However, we know that the call of Abraham marks a decisive point in the history of humanity in relation to God. The story of salvation takes an unexpected direction. From all the peoples, God chose a particular man. And from this man and his wife, God would begin a history that led directly to the birth, life, ministry, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. But it all began with one man in an ancient city.



LESSONS IN ABRAHAM'S LIFE

Abram's Fear or Doubt	Abram's Lesson	God's Faithful Action
Fear of Pharaoh, so he lied about the identity of his wife (Gen. 12:10–20)	"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Ps. 46:1)	"The LORD inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai" (Gen. 12:17).
Doubts of God's power to give him a son (Gen. 17:15–19)	"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matt. 19:26).	"Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him" (Gen. 21:1–2).
Fear of Abimelek, so he lied about the identity of his wife (Gen. 20:1–18)	"My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge" (Ps. 62:7–8).	"God came to Abimelek in a dream one night and said to him, 'You are as good as dead because of the woman you have taken; she is a married woman'" (Gen. 20:3).

Which of these life lessons has been most important for you? Explain how God has been faithful even when you have fallen short.



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