



Lesson #1 From Abraham:

The Foundation Of Faith

Text: Genesis 12:1 – 21:34

Series: Genesis, #7

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The Nature Of Faith Is ...

1. In general terms.
2. For everyone—not just religious people.

The Substance Of Faith In God Is ...

1. Based on, knowing and accepting God as He is. (12:1-3; 15:1; 17:1-2)
2. Involves personally accepting and trusting God and His truth.
(12:1-7; 13:14-18; 15:1-21; 17:1-27; 21:1-19)

The Blessing Of Faith In God Is ...

1. An open door to acceptance and friendship with God. (15:1-6)
2. A path of ongoing friendship with God. (12:1-9; 15:1-6)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Faith. A concept that is so familiar and also so much misunderstood. While some people claim to live without faith, everyone has faith, not just religious people. Your faith is the foundation of your entire life. Think about it, and then write out an honest, frank description of your faith.

Tuesday. True faith in the true God is based on knowing and accepting God as He is. God has a distinct and unchanging character. Review God's call, statements and promises to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1, 17:1-2 to see what this meant to him, his view and faith in God. How much do you know of God *objectively* from the Bible? That truth gives substance to true faith.

Wednesday. True faith lives and breathes by trusting and obeying God and His truth. Even when Abraham did not know where God was sending Him (*cf.* Hebrews 11:8), he obeyed and moved out (*cf.* Genesis 12:4). Are you listening to God as you read the Bible, as God's Spirit prompts and directs? Do you obey? Make a special effort to be aware to God's direction and your response throughout this day.

Thursday. Living by faith in God is blessed by God — God opens His arms to receive and bless us when we step out in faith. Review the classic description of Abraham in Genesis 15:1-6. Check out God's relationship to Abraham described in Isaiah 41:8 and James 2:23. God wants to call you His friend ... are you qualified by faith?

Friday – Saturday. Sunday we plan to look a Lesson #2 from Abraham: What works when life doesn't from Genesis chapter 12 - 18. Think about the times when life didn't seem to be working out for you the way you think it should, want it to. Take the time to scan through chapters 12 - 18 with this in mind for Abraham.