

Promise - 2/3 Discussion Questions

Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-6; 22:15-18

Review

The Pathway of Faith

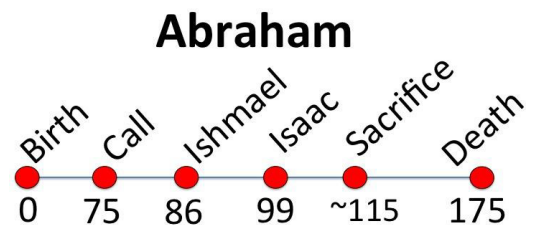
- Repent - (12:1) - break away from all other allegiances (Josh. 24:2)
- Commit - (17:1,7-8,9,13) - cross the line w/ a clear sign (circumcision > baptism)
- Obey - (12:4; 22:2) - follow God's instructions even when they don't make sense
- Pray - (12:7-8) - call on God for help and listen for His voice (13:14 etc)
- Wait - persevere for years not just days

The Rewards of Faith

1. A People - "a great nation" - Connection into Community (14:14; 15:5)
2. A Provision - "I will bless you" - Credit for the Perfection of Jesus (15:6; Rom. 4:5)
3. A Place - "I will give you this land" - Communion with God Forever (17:8)

Connect

1. Who is your favorite Bible hero? Why?
2. What is remarkable to you about Abraham? What about Sarah?



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Discuss

3. What made it a big deal for Abram to leave his home and family? What else was Abram leaving behind (Josh. 24:2)?
4. What do you consider the high and low points of Abraham's life? How do you think you would have done in his place?
5. What did God promise Abraham? How did the promises develop and clarify from chapter 12 to 15 to 17? Which of these promises apply to us?
6. What made the sacrifice of Isaac especially difficult for Abraham? How does that moment foreshadow the gospel?

Apply

7. What was a decisive turning point in your walk with the Lord? Describe a time that was like Abraham leaving his homeland, getting circumcised or offering Isaac.
8. Which of the steps of faith in the pathway above is in front of you right now? Why?
9. Which of the rewards of faith is most meaningful to you now? Why?

Pray

10. How can we pray for you to grow in faith this week?