

united kingdom

ABRAHAM

the Kingdom story from creation to revelation

(Genesis 12:1-7; 15:1-6)

Adam and Eve had a broken relationship with God, and so did all of their descendants who filled the earth. God never forgot His creation though, and He chooses one man – Abraham – through whom He can bless the whole world. God gives Abraham several promises, and Abraham believes God even when the promises seem impossible. His ultimate reward? He is considered God's friend.

Introduction

The man and woman had to leave the garden, and relationship with God was broken

They had children, and their children had children, and their children had children

God had a plan to restore His people to Himself



Transition

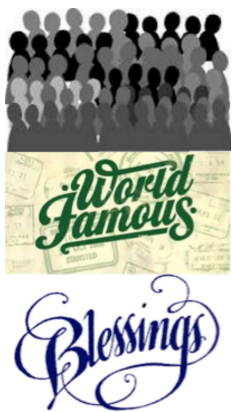
Life wasn't easy there

But God kept His promise, and Abraham grew in wealth and fame

God's promise to Abraham (2)



God's promise to Abraham (1)



God tells Abraham to leave his home and gives him promises about his future

His descendants will become a great nation

He will be famous

All families on the earth will be blessed through him

God promises Abraham a reward

Abraham said it wasn't of any use

God gives him a vision of the stars and says his descendants will be as many as the stars in the sky

Abraham's travels

Abraham obeyed and went where God directed him

Abraham set up camp by a huge tree

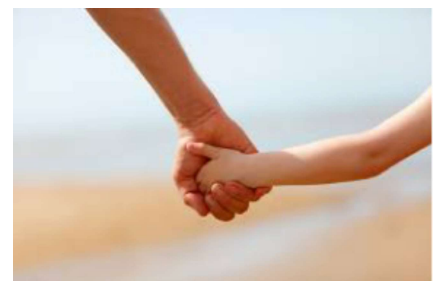
God told Abraham his descendants would be given the land



Abraham worshipped God

Conclusion

Because of Abraham's trust in what God said, God considers him in a right relationship with Him and calls him His friend



God kept His promise to Abraham

Weekly Meditation and Reflection

Below are some questions and further reading if you would like some extra food for thought on this story. Some may find it helpful to journal the answers, and others may simply want to read and pray through them.

1. Has God given you a promise or a calling in your life? What is it? Has it come to pass – or maybe just partially? Or maybe not at all yet?
 - a. Has God given you encouragement, reminders or confirmations about this promise? Take time to remember those encouragements (maybe even write them down if you haven't yet), and thank God for them!
2. What has been your response to God's calling and promise to you?
3. Abraham believed something extravagant that God told him. From this story, how do you know that Abraham believed?
4. Do you believe what God has told you? What does that "active belief" (the kind that Abraham had!) look like in your life?
 - a. If you're seeing God's promises to you fulfilled, praise Him for it!
 - b. If you're in a waiting stage, ask Him for encouragement! He has something in mind for you even as you wait for those promises from Him – and He loves for you to talk to Him about it!
 - c. Is there anything He's asking for you to step out in faith for – like He asked Abraham? What is that step He's asking you to take? Pray for boldness to step out!

Meditate on the following passage:

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-19

1. How does Abraham's life encourage yours?
2. Abraham's life is intricately woven into the greater Kingdom story. Reflect on Abraham's role in the story. We each have a role in the Kingdom story, even though ours is many hundreds of years later! How does Abraham's story encourage our own?