



Bios. – Abraham – Message 3

Announcements

Register for each PATHWAY class below at ChurchoftheKing.com.

- **301 Biblical Foundations** – Classes began last **Monday, June 9th** at 7:00 pm at all campuses. It's not too late to grow in your understanding of the Bible and in your relationship with God. If you missed week 1, you can still participate by beginning with week 2 on June 16th.
- **101 Starting Point** – **Sunday, July 6th** at 5:00 pm at all campuses. 101 Starting Point is the first step in Pathway. Find out how you can find your place at Church of the King by learning about the vision and mission of the church.
- **201 Dream Team Orientation** – **Sunday, July 13th** at 5:00 pm at all campuses. 201 Dream Team Orientation is the second step in Pathway and your place to find a great place to serve at Church of the King.

Warm-up

If you could travel back in time to visit a historical figure, who would you want to see and what question would you ask him or her?

Throughout history men, women and nations have left lasting impact on their children and on generations to come. That legacy can be either advantageous or detrimental. A legacy can propel a generation forward or weaken its potential. This week's lesson explores the incredible legacy of faith that Abraham, the *Father of Faith*, left behind.

Word and Application

We all have the opportunity to leave a legacy to our children, families and community. What kind of legacy would you like to leave?

Read Hebrews 11:6. Why is our faith so important to God? Why do you think we sometimes struggle with faith in certain situations but not in others?

Often times we struggle with weak faith because we need to be reminded in *whom* we have placed our faith. That is, we must fix our gaze upon God, the author and perfecter of our faith. In the following verses, Jesus speaks of the incredible impact of having even just a little bit of faith.

Read Luke 17:5-6 and Matthew 17:20. Discuss what these verses mean to you. Share about how God has grown your faith in a particular area or situation.

Abraham is an example of a man with *simple* faith in a *big God*. Despite failures along the way, Abraham's journey of faith provides us with the timeless message of trusting God. As a result trusting God's promise, Abraham leaves a life-giving legacy that still ripples from generation to generation.

Read Hebrews 11:8-10 to see how Abraham became the "Father of Faith" and "Friend of God."

We discover that trust in God leads to increased faith, and having faith in the promises of God leads to a limitless impact. Shadowing Abraham's journey, let's dive into **four key areas** with which we can learn to trust God.

1. **Learn to trust God with your future.**

When you trust God with your future, you will have the *faith to go when God says go*.

Read Genesis 12:1-5. What would have been some *legitimate* concerns Abraham may have faced with God's instruction? Have you ever had a time when you knew God was speaking to you to move in a direction that appeared to have major obstacles? Explain.

2. **Learn to trust God with your failures.**

When you trust God with your failures, you will have the *faith to trust Him with your fears*.

Read Genesis 12:11-13 and discover how even Abraham failed to trust God with his fears. How does not trusting God with our fears interfere with walking in the promises He has given us?

3. **Learn to trust God with your private life.**

When you trust God with your private life, you will have the *faith to uncover your weaknesses*.

God wants to heal all areas of our lives, even the hidden ones. When you are open with God, He can transform your weaknesses into your strengths. How does **Genesis 17:1-2** display God's desire for us to be open with Him?

4. **Learn to trust God with your fortunes and favorites.**

When you trust God with your fortunes and favorites, you will have the *faith to lay down what you love most*.

Read Genesis 22:1-2. Who or what are those things God is asking you to entrust to Him? How does the example of Abraham encourage you to do so?

What resonated with you during today's discussion?

Prayer

Pray for everyone in your small group to ask God to uncover those areas where they lack faith. Encourage them to pray and read His Word daily to know and trust Him more. Also, take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.