



Week 2 -- Abraham

Announcements

- **301 Biblical Foundations** – This class began Monday, September 10, 2012, but it's not too late to start! This 10-week class will give you the foundation you need to live the life God has designed for you. This is the third step in Pathway.

Warm-up

Have everyone in the group share a "little-known" fact about themselves that could be hard to believe.

Word & Application

Read Genesis 12:1-3. Abraham had a hard-to-believe experience when God promised he would be the Father of many nations even though he didn't have any children.

Today we will be discussing Abraham's life and how even though he didn't understand, God always came through as promised – God always does the right thing.

Read Genesis 15:1-5. What does this passage of scripture reveal about Abraham's doubts?

Abraham was discouraged because he didn't see how God's promise would come true.

What are most people's tendencies when they don't see God's promises unfold when expected?

1) God always does the right thing even if it takes a long time.

Read Genesis 16:1-2. Abraham and Sarah took matters into their own hands because they were impatient and didn't trust in God's timing.

In what area of your life are you most tempted to be impatient? Why do you struggle in this area?

2) God always does the right thing even if it seems absurd.

Genesis 18:10-14. At this point in their lives, Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90 years old (Genesis 17:17). What would have been your response to this promise if you were in Abraham and Sarah's position?

What do you believe God is telling you that may seem absurd? What is keeping you from acting on what he is telling you? How can you overcome your doubts?

In order to live the life we've been designed for, we must trust God.

3) God always does the right thing even if we don't understand

Read Hebrews 11:17-19. Why do you think Abraham was willing to obey God even though it didn't make sense?

Read Psalm 9:10. The more you know God, the more you trust him.

What can you do to grow in your trust and faith in God? In your life, what do you need to commit to the Lord?

Read Hebrews 11:12. In the natural Abraham did not have the ability to be the father of many nations. When he trusted God and walked in obedience he saw God's promises come true and as a result he has impacted countless number of people.

What could be the result of you trusting and obeying God? Who will be impacted?

What is God challenging you to do as a result of today's discussion? How can we help you do what God is telling you to do?

Prayer

Pray for one another to learn to trust in God, even when circumstances look impossible. Also, take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.