1 – **Faith of Abraham**

Hebrews 11:8-19

2 - **Walking through the OT scriptures**

1. **Lessons in the Garden of Eden. (Genesis 1-3)**
2. **Lessons learned from Cain and Abel. (Genesis 4)**
3. **Lessons learned from Noah and the flood. (Genesis 6-7)**
4. **Lessons learned from the promises to Abraham and his faith in God. (Genesis 12)**

3 - **5 Key Old Testament Passages**

1. **Genesis 3:15** - God’s promise of Satan’s defeat.
2. **Genesis 12:1-3** - God’s promise of blessing to all the nations of the earth through Abraham.

4 - **Abraham: the Christian’s model of faith**

* We must have the faith that **surrenders all** to God.
* We must be ***“those who are of the faith of Abraham”***. (Romans 4:16; Gal. 3:7; cf., 2 Peter 1:3)
* Our call to become **Abraham’s seed**.
(Gal. 3:29; cf., vs. 26-27)
* We must “***do the deeds of Abraham***” by faith
(John 8:39; cf., Luke 3:8)

5 - **Background of Abraham**

* About 2,000 years after the creation and about 2,000 years before Christ and 400 years after the flood.
* God used Abraham to preserve righteousness as Noah did.

6 - **Background of Abraham**

* From Ur of Chaldea where he lived until about age 70 in a very idolatrous, yet cultured and abundant environment.
* Abraham had two brothers; Nahor and Haran. Haran died in Ur before God called him. (Genesis 11:27-32)
	+ Lot was the son of Haran.
	+ Abraham’s father was named Terah.

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* We might ask, how did Abraham come to believe in God in such an idolatrous environment?
* Remember Romans 10:17!

9 - **Background of Abraham**

* While in such a wicked environment, God called to Abraham to *“****leave your country and your relatives, and come into the land that I will show you****.”* (Acts 7:3-4)
* Abraham’s father, brother and nephew all came with him as far as Haran (Genesis 11:31) where they spent about 5 years and where his father Terah died.