

God Begins a Plan for Abraham.

This week we learn about Faith, and that nothing is too difficult for the Lord to perform.

*“Is anything too hard
for the Lord?”*

Genesis 18 v14

Bible Readings for this week

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Genesis 12v1-8 (God’s Covenant Promise to Abraham)	
Monday	Genesis 15 (God promises Abraham an heir of his own)	
Tuesday	Genesis 17v1-22 (Isaac promised to Abraham and Sarah)	
Wednesday	Genesis 18v1-19 (Abraham/Sarah – doubt God, too old)	
Thursday	Genesis 21v1-18 (Isaac born to Abraham and Sarah)	
Friday	Romans 1v1-17 (The Just shall live by Faith)	
Saturday	Hebrews 11v1-16 (By Faith Abraham obeyed God)	

Important Lesson for us today : Faith is a gift from God. Ephesians 2v8,9.

Due to Adam’s Fall (read Genesis 3), we inherit a spiritual deadness towards God, so, being spiritually dead, we cannot generate faith within ourselves. We must prayerfully seek it from God and then exercise it. You will know when God has given you Faith as you will be troubled by your sin. Then Faith will lead you to repentance, and your acceptance that the Eternal, Holy God created all things by the Word of His Power. It brings us to humbly believe that Jesus Christ, as our Saviour and Lord, died on the cross as our substitute. At first, like Abraham, we will make mistakes, but faith will cause us to ask for forgiveness and guidance in life – to bring us back to God to live lives pleasing to Him.

We approach the same God today for He never changes. Seek Him now in repentant prayer.

Hymn 345: We see that Abraham, through faith, obeyed the Lord’s call – this hymn speaks of the Saviour’s call to us as sinners to come in faith and repentance today: -

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| 1. The Saviour calls; let every ear
Attend the heavenly sound;
May doubting souls dismiss their fear;
Hope smiles reviving round. | 4. May sinners hear Thy mercy’s voice,
Thy gracious call obey;
May hearts be turned to heavenly joys,
And come without delay. |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

God Calls Abram – He Has a Plan for His Life.

- **God Calls Abram Out of Ur of the Chaldees to The Land of Canaan.**
 - God gives Abram Faith and encourages him to put it into practice.
 - God changed his name to Abraham - (Father of many nations). **Gen 17v5**
 - **Faith - A mix of Fear (awe) and Humble Respect for the Lord.**
 - **Abraham knew in his soul, (and so can we): -**
 - He was a sinner in God’s holy, all-searching, and all-knowing sight.
 - That God is the Almighty Creator and the Righteous Judge of all the earth.
 - He must Repent his sin, seek Forgiveness, Believe in and Obey His Creator.
 - **Faith – Not Good Works to Please God but Obedient Trust In Him.**
 - Abraham did not argue his own goodness (works). He obeyed God.
 - **Faith – Leads us to Separation from this Evil World of Sin.**
 - God called Abraham to leave - Ur of The Chaldees, Haran, and his family and friends, his old way of life – To travel to an unknown Promised Land.
 - **Faith – Is Receiving God’s Promises and their Conditions.**
 - God Promised Abraham (aged 75 when he left Haran): -
 - In time a New Land for his family, and an Eternal Home, Heaven.
 - He would make his descendants a Great Nation and protect them.
 - One of his descendants would be The Lord Jesus Christ – The Saviour.
 - **Faith – Is Believing that God Can Do the Impossible.**
 - Abraham believed God’s promise of a son, Isaac, even though he would be 100, and Sarah, his wife, 90 years old - well past child-bearing age.
 - **Faith – The Gift of God Given by The Holy Spirit. Ephesians 2v8,9**
Where Paul wrote, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”
 - **Pray to God, Ask Him for His Gift of Faith and Repentance.**
 - **Exercise Faith Daily** – By Repentance - believing that The Lord Jesus Christ died in your place to be your Saviour. Faith to read the Bible, Pray, Obey, Witness, Grow in Grace, and Sanctification (our aim to be more Christ-like).
 - **Beware** – Falling into Sin and Disobedience will forfeit God’s Joy and Peace, but if we have been given Faith, then God will gladly receive us when we return to Him with repentant hearts. Those who have been given Faith will never lose their Salvation, nor their eternal home in Heaven to come.
- “By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”*

Hebrews 11v8-10.