

# Abraham

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GENESIS 12: 1-2

*The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great and you will be a blessing.”*

A few years ago, I became interested in tracing my family tree. I wanted to know who my people were and where they all came from. It was a fun and interesting journey. There was good and there was bad.

Fortunately, the Bible does an excellent job helping us trace the ancestry of our faith family. As Christians we belong to a large spiritual family linked through our spiritual DNA and Abraham is seen as the father of our faith.

In this scripture, we find that God asked Abraham to leave his country and his people and his father’s household to move to a new land. This was a big deal. But an even bigger deal was the fact that God didn’t tell Abraham where he wanted him to end up, God just said “Go!” After telling him to relocate his family, God made a promise to Abraham: He said, “And all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” God was looking down Abraham’s family tree all the way down to Jesus. He was promising that

through Jesus, all nations would be blessed with forgiveness and eternal life.

We always hear about how awesome Abraham’s faith was and how God richly rewarded his faith. All of this is of course true; however, Abraham was not a flawless person; he made mistakes and he had a surprisingly messy family. There were those who were fearful, angry, jealous, manipulative, liars, adulterers, and much more. But through their broken selfish lives we see how God worked.

Each person in Jesus’ genealogy has something dark in their story. Yet, here’s the amazing thing: Jesus was born into this messy family. The Savior of the world came from a family full of sinners and complicated relationships. Yet God used each of these people, despite their shortcomings and failures, to play a part in His unfolding story of salvation for the entire world. No one is unredeemable or beyond the reach of God’s grace and God continues to work in families. He works in yours and in mine. He works in me, and he works in you.

Abraham had faith, he trusted God, and his belief in God’s promises was credited to him as righteousness. God simply wants us to trust in his plan and his promises for our lives.

## PRAYER

*Lord, thank you that even though his family wasn’t perfect, Jesus, the perfect one, came to bring the blessings you promised to Abraham. Thank you that these blessings mean that we can become a part of your family through Jesus’ death and resurrection. Help us to believe in your promises and trust your plan for our lives. Amen.*



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