

Ambassadors

Year 3 Lesson 27



Do You Trust Me?

Read: Genesis 12:1-3, 13-20; Romans 4:3-18; Hebrews 11:8-10, 17-19; James 2:23

A story from Marvin Daniels (a past Higher Ground Director): My son Isaiah was diagnosed with a brain tumor when he was 2 years old. When we heard that news from the Doctor, my wife and I became emotional. The Doctor told us that the tumor was so large that my son needed to be operated on immediately. For 2 hours they prepared my son for the operation that would take place the next day. As the night went on I cried out to the Lord to **“save my son!”**



From 10:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. I was praying and pleading to God to allow my son Isaiah to make it successfully through the operation.

Then I heard a voice in my heart say, **“Marvin, do you Trust Me?”**

Marvin, do you Trust Me?” I knew God was speaking to me and challenging me to answer this question.

My son Isaiah made it through the operation and is doing well since then. The long scar on the back of his head reminds me of the question that God asked me on that late night, **“Marvin, do you Trust Me?”** Trust is important. In your own challenges and life

experiences you will have to answer this question about Trust. **GOD WANTS YOU TO LIVE EVERY DAY BY TRUSTING HIM.**

This lesson will look at a man in the Old Testament who had to answer the question from God, “Do You Trust Me?” Abraham’s life teaches us important truths about trusting God. As a matter of fact, Abraham was called the *Friend of God* (James 2:23) and the *father of all them that*

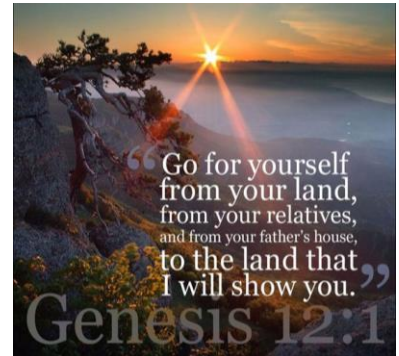
believe (Rom. 4:11) in Christ because he looked forward to the coming of the Savior. **As you read this lesson, remember that Faith is trusting God to do what He promises, even if we don’t understand how or why He will do it.**

The Truth about Trust

Sometimes God chooses people from unlikely places to be His servants. Abraham was living among an evil, idol-worshipping people in the city of Ur where his forefathers had lived before him.

When God chose Abraham to serve Him, it included both **separation** and **promises**.

God told Abraham to leave his country, his relatives and his father's house in Genesis 12:1 (by the way, his name was Abram during this time). Then God told him to go to a land that He would show to him. In the midst of that command, God made Abraham 3 great promises which He repeated to Abraham at various times (12:1-3). Here they are:



1. God would make Abraham's name great and will use him to build a great Nation.
2. God would bless those who blessed Abraham and curse those who dared to curse him.
3. Through Abraham, all the families of the earth would be blessed. God planned for Jesus Christ to come to earth through Abraham's family line.

These promises were guaranteed because Abraham lived a life that "Trusted" God. He did not see that land God told him to go to, but he believed and trusted God to lead him there and that he would live in that land (Hebrews 11:8-10).

Abraham also trusted God's promise to miraculously give him a son through whose family line Jesus Christ would be born. What made this a miracle was that Abraham was 75 years old and his wife Sarah was too old to have children. So if you have been following this lesson so far, you would know that in order for God to fulfill His promises to Abraham, God would have to do a miracle.

Abraham didn't trip about this because he **"trusted"** God. The Bible said "Abraham believed God...and it was credited to him as being righteous" (Romans 4:3).

Trust and Trouble

Getting back to Genesis 12, Abraham and his family left the city of Ur. They stopped in the town of Haran, where his father had died. Then Abraham traveled on to the city of Canaan that was to be the land God told him to go to.



Now many years had passed since God told Abraham that he would give him a son. This caused Abraham to doubt that he would have a son, but he held on to the promise of God. Romans 4:18 said this about Abraham,

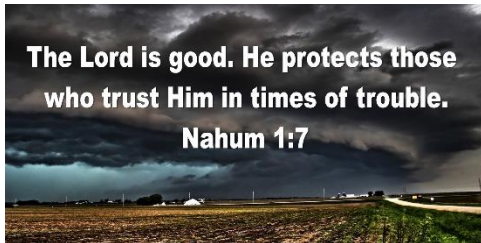
“When everything was hopeless, Abraham believed anyway, deciding to live not on the basis of what he saw he couldn’t do, but on what God said He would do. And so he was made father of a multitude of peoples. God Himself said to him, “You’re going to have a big family, Abraham!”

Abraham did not know that he would have to wait 25 years before his promised son would be born.

When Abraham and Sarah arrived in the city of Canaan, there was a famine and Abraham’s faith grew shaky. Instead of trusting God to provide for them, he and Sarah went to Egypt. Abraham knew the Egyptian men would find Sarah attractive. He feared they would kill him and take Sarah for themselves.

To save his own life, he lied to the Egyptians saying that Sarah was his sister. The Egyptians took her and showed her to the Pharaoh, the king, who brought her into his palace and planned to marry her. If Pharaoh had married her, there would have been no way Abraham and Sarah could have had a son.

However, God sent a terrible plague (sickness) on Pharaoh and his household. The king knew the plague must have had something to do with Abraham, so he sent for him. Abraham explained how he had deceived the Egyptians. Immediately, the king returned Sarah to her husband, and the plague stopped (Gen. 12:13-20).

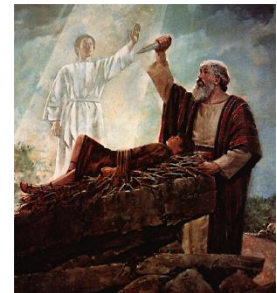


But Abraham still struggled with Trusting God in the midst of Trouble. When he was living in the town of Gerar, outside of Canaan, he again claimed that Sarah was his sister. King Abimelech took Sarah to be his wife, but God kept him from touching her (Genesis 20). Through a dream, God told Abimelech that Sarah was already married. So Abimelech returned her to Abraham.

The biggest failure of Abraham’s faith came when he had a child, Ishmael, by Hagar, his wife’s maid (Gen 16). Abraham and Sarah thought this would be the way they could have the family God promised them. But God meant for Abraham and Sarah to have their own son as He promised them. When Abraham was 100, and Sarah was 90 years old, Isaac was born. We must learn to **Trust** God in the midst of **Trouble**.

The Test of Trust

Many years later, God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, to Him. Obediently, Abraham prepared to do as God said, believing that even if Isaac died, the Lord was able to bring him back to life again (Hebrews 11:19). But just as Abraham was about to kill his son, an angel told him to stop. God provided a ram for the sacrifice in Isaac’s place. God knew that



His servant Abraham, because he was willing to give Him his own son, had learned to trust Him completely (Genesis 22:1-13).

You may not understand this story and how God could even ask a parent to do such a thing. Understand that what God was looking for from Abraham is the same thing He is looking for from you...Complete Trust in Him!

Memory verse

Hebrews 11:6- It's impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that he exists and that he cares enough to respond to those who seek Him.

Think About It

Your memory verse is taken from one of the best-known chapters in the Bible. It is called the "Faith" chapter because it lists several Old Testament characters and describes what they were able to do because they Trusted God.

Abraham is listed, as well as other people whose lives are mentioned in this Chapter.

How did Abraham show that he believed God is real, even though he couldn't see Him? How did he show that he believed God would do what He promised? How did God reward Abraham for his faith?

Think back over the events of your life this past month. List some of the things you were able to do because you were trusting in God.

What are you trusting Him to do today?

Strong faith comes from reading and obeying the Word of God. Are you regularly studying God's Word?

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Click here if you are taking your quiz online, then send the email you receive to your mentor to grade and discuss: <https://forms.gle/RrgurcwVpj5c28o77>

Complete this assignment and set up a time to meet with an adult mentor who will go over this with you. Mentor, after you have graded this lesson using the Answer Key, please enter the lesson online using the links that were sent in order to receive credit. Thanks.

Student Name: _____

1. Where did Abraham live when God chose him?
2. Why was leaving Ur a hard test of Abraham's faith?
3. Fill in the blank. God's selection of Abraham involved separation, promises and walking by _____.
4. What three promises did God give Abraham?
5. After God said Abraham would have a son, how long was it before Isaac was born?
6. True/False. Abraham's hardest test came when God asked him to sacrifice Isaac.
7. True/False. Abraham believed he would never see his son alive again.
8. True/False. God provided a ram to be sacrificed in place of Isaac.
9. Fill in the blank: Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as _____.
10. Give one example of Abraham not trusting God (he had a few).