2 Gifts God Gives on Every Journey of Faith

1. A Step of Faith - Increases Faith in God

Genesis 12:1-4 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him,

• **Matt 1:1** The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

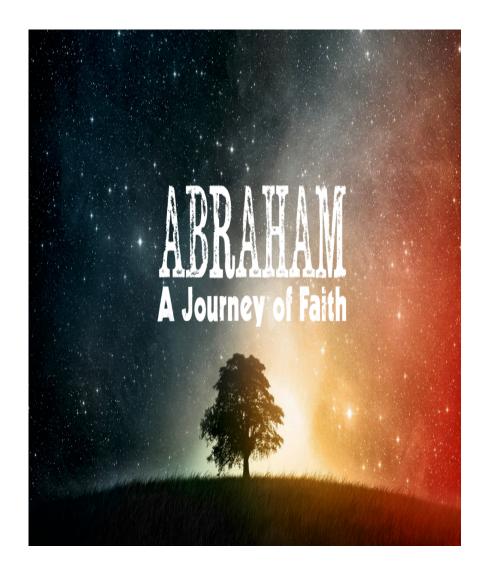
2. A Name Change - Increase Faith in ourselves

- Genesis 17:5, 15
- John 15:16 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit

Response:

What is God speaking to me?

What am I going to do about it?



Sunday Sept. ^{7th}, 2014 Abraham: Genesis 11:27-30 "The Most Interesting Man in the World"

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What we need to know about Genesis:

- 1. Who wrote Genesis? Moses
- 2. Who was it written to? The Nation of Israel
- 3. Why was it written? To Give Identity
- 4. Why does the Story of Genesis matter to us?

 We are part of the Metanarrative

Why does Abraham matter to us?

Freebies:

Romans 4:11 "The father of all who believe...

Hebrews 11:8-10, 18-19 ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God... ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Abraham is the Biblical Prototype of a <u>Man of Faith</u> Who was Abraham?

Genesis 11:27-32

²⁷ Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot. ²⁸ Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his kindred, in Ur of the Chaldeans. ²⁹ And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah. ³⁰ Now Sarai was barren; she had no child. ³¹ Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there. ³² The days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died in Haran.

Abraham did not have a **Godly Legacy**

• Joshua 24:2 "And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods."

Abraham was a <u>Pagan Idol Worshiper</u>

Abraham had Problems