

We come to the end of a remarkable story of faith. Abraham for the past 100 years has walked as a sojourner in the land of promise following the calling of God upon his life. At times he was given into unbelief and compromise, but we see throughout his story remarkable resilience and faith in Yahweh. Abraham becomes the standard by which faith is measured and several New Testament Scriptures attest to this fact. He was an ordinary man who showed extraordinary faith in the God of promise.

Please read Gen 25:1-18

1. What do you think the purpose of these two genealogy's (25:1-6; 12-18) represent in light of the promises given to Abraham in 12:1-3; 15:1-8, 15-21? What do these genealogy's display about the character of God? How do these genealogy's impact God's program for his people?
2. What is the epitaph given to Abraham at his death in 25:7-10? What does it mean to be "gathered to his peoples"? and why should this phrase give all people of God a great hope?
3. The epitaph of Abraham given in Genesis 25 reflects that a human beings life has limits as appointed by God. How do the following verses reflect on this truth? Psalm 139:13-16; 90:12; 39:4.
4. How do the promises given to Abraham continue to be realized after his death?
5. There are 4 key New Testament passages that teach us the significance of Abraham's faith and reinforce his legacy as a Hero of the faith. Please look at the following passages an outline what the key aspect of Abrahams faith is. How should these examples encourage and impact our life of faith?

Romans 4

James 2:21-24

Galatians 3:8-9, 16, 26-29

Hebrews 11:8-19 (In this text there are at least 7 aspects of faith given. By way of example v 8 outlines the obedience of faith.) Relate each aspect of faith to your own journey in faith.

Key questions to consider at the end of your study of God's word.

- a) What have we learned?
- b) How should we pray and change in response to what we've learned?
- c) Who can we prayerfully share what we've learned with and how?