

The Life and Times of Abraham

Genesis 25:1-18 | June 28, 2020

Context: Genesis 25 records the death of Abraham and includes more of his descendants, but it is centered on the quality and fullness of his life—and prepares the reader for God’s work through Isaac.

God’s Word:

A satisfying life is a life of faith.

Abraham’s legacy:

1. _____ faith (Romans 4:1-25).
2. _____ faith (James 2:14-26).
3. _____ faith (Hebrews 11:8-19).
4. _____ faith (Galatians 3:1-29).

Footnotes:

1. You cannot be saved by works, but saving faith works.
2. You cannot wait until you are old in order to prosper when you are old.
3. You cannot explain Abraham’s life apart from God’s faithfulness to his promises.

Discussion Questions: Consider each of the footnotes listed above. What biblical support can you find for them? How do they apply to our lives today? Which one of them speaks to you the most today, and why?



Family Toolkit:

Questions for Parents to use with their children:

1. Think about some older or elderly people God has put in your life. Can you name a few? How have they impacted you or others for God or for good?
2. How old was Abraham when he died? How does verse 8 describe the length of life?
Answer: Verse 7 says 175 years old. Genesis 25:8 says that He died at a “good old age, an old man and full of years.”
3. Abraham began following God at the age of 75. He lived a life of faith in God for 100 years. Take a moment and share your favorite story about Abraham and why?

4. Abraham was known for a lot of good things. However, he was probably most known for his faith in God. What is faith? Why is it important in the Christian life?
Answer: According to Hebrews 11:1, faith is “confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” It is not wishful thinking or crossing your fingers hoping that something happens. Instead it is confidence that what God promised will come to pass.

Faith is important in the Christian life because it is how God chose for us to interact with Him. Faith is a gift (Ephesians 2:8-9) and begins with believing that He exists and that He made it possible through Jesus for us to be forgiven and reconciled to Him. Hebrews 11:6 says, “and without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

God loves it when we trust in what He says and when we demonstrate that trust through obedience. We cannot see God with our human eyes but He has given us the Holy Spirit and the Bible to tell us who He is, what he has done, what He will do, and how we should live.

5. How can you as a family and as individuals apply this to your life?