



Abraham journeyed with his family, he would live in tents and make a place to worship God.

Draw what you think it may look like.

“What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,”

Romans 4:1-5 ESV

## Series: Journey of Faith

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### Walking in Faithfulness

Genesis 13, Philippians 2:4-11, Revelation 2:2-7

**Circle the words: Abram, Altar, Lord**

So Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. <sup>2</sup>Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.<sup>3</sup> From the Negev he went from place to place until he came to Bethel, to the place between Bethel and Ai where his tent had been earlier <sup>4</sup>and where he had first built an altar. There Abram called on the name of the Lord.<sup>5</sup> Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. <sup>6</sup>But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. <sup>7</sup>And quarreling arose between Abram’s herders and Lot’s. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time. <sup>8</sup>So Abram said to Lot, “Let’s not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives. <sup>9</sup>Is not the whole land before you? Let’s part company. If you go to the left, I’ll go to the right; if you go to the right, I’ll go to the left.” <sup>10</sup>Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) <sup>11</sup>So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company: <sup>12</sup>Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. <sup>13</sup>Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the Lord. <sup>14</sup>The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, “Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. <sup>15</sup>All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring <sup>[a]</sup> forever. <sup>16</sup>I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. <sup>17</sup>Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.” <sup>18</sup>So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the Lord.

### Circle the words: Jesus, God, obedient

Philippians 2:4-11 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, <sup>8</sup> being born in the likeness of men. <sup>9</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>10</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>11</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Circle the words: hardships, repent

Revelation 2:2-7 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. <sup>3</sup> You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup> Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. <sup>6</sup> But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

#### Some important words:

**Faithfulness** is to be reliable, steadfast and unwavering.

**Worship** is a deep connection between believers and God. It is more than just singing hymns or attending church services; worship involves honouring and adoring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul.

**Suffering**, as followers of Christ we should expect tribulations, afflictions, hardships.

“The Christian life is not a sprint but a lifetime marathon”

### 1. Abram comes back to Bethel and worships God

- a. *Abram had to experience his time of suffering*
- b. *Abram goes back to Bethel and makes an alter for the Lord*
- c. **Worshipping God**
  - i. *Enjoy God presence*
  - ii. *We worship God in songs, by reading the Bible and thanking him for all He has done for us.*
  - iii. *We worship him as a congregation but also in our own time.*

### 2. Abram acts with a Christlike attitude

- a. This time when Abram faces conflict, he is a changed man
- b. He did not look for his own wellbeing but put Lot's wellbeing before his own.
- c. Abram had learned from his past experiences. Suffering is temporal, God's promises are eternal
- d. Abram trusted God's promise
  - i. *Careful when you choose according to your sight and not by faith*
  - ii. *Your choices will affect you and your family*

### 3. Abram vision and communion with God is restored

- a. Once again Abram builds an alter for the Lord Genesis 13:18
- b. Mamre means vision and Hebron means communion
- c. God will let you know His vision for your life