

SERMON NOTES

Title: What Does Faith Look Like?

Text: Genesis 12:2

Topic: Abraham

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Abraham's story takes up **thirteen** chapters in Genesis, and then he's mentioned **seventy-five** times in the New Testament.

"The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation ...'"
Genesis 12:1-2a

God often uses the **least likely** people to tell His story. God's **strength** shines more brightly through our weakness.

Abraham's story can be described in one word... **faith**.

"By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, he obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going."
Hebrews 11:8

Faith is **obeying** God even when you're **not sure** where He is leading.

God promises Abraham that he's going to be a father of a great nation.
"Abraham believed the Lord." Genesis 15:6

Much of **your** story will come down to one very simple question: *Do I **believe** God?*

Faith is not believing that God will do whatever **I want** Him to. Faith is believing that God can and will do what **He said He will do**.

Sarah decides God needs **help**. *"Now Sarai, Abram's wife... said to Abram, Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said."* Genesis 16:1

Ishmael becomes the father of the **Arab** nations.

Isaac becomes the father of the **Jewish/Christian** nations

Abraham best known for **offering** his son Isaac as a sacrifice.

Abraham shows us what **trusting God** looks like.

In understanding the upper story there is a helpful literary term... **foreshadow**. This is when the author gives a hint of what is to come later.

Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac is a foreshadow of the **Lamb of God** being sacrificed for our sins.

Only when our story becomes a part of His story does our story start to **make sense**.