

Walking With God

Life of Abraham
2. First Steps – Genesis 12: 1-9

Beginning at the beginning....

- Creation



So God made them all, and was pleased with what he saw.
(Genesis 1.25)

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 - Adam and Eve choose wrong



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- Wrong choices
- God’s judgement
- God’s grace



Cain and Abel – Genesis 4

- Cain kills his brother in a fit of jealousy
- God’s judgement comes: the curse
- God acts in grace to protect Cain despite his sin.



Noah – Genesis 6

- Human evil
- God's judgement in the flood
- God's grace, saving Noah + making covenant with creation



Tower of Babel – Genesis 11

- Human arrogance and rebellion
- God's judgement: the nations are scattered
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God's grace??



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ABRAHAM!!



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I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

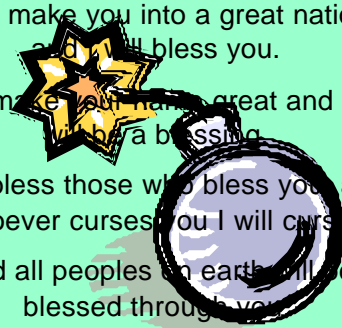
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- 20 years later - no children, land, blessing
- 400 years on – children, no land, no blessing
- 1500 years on – children, no land, no blessing

• 2000 years on **Jesus**

Jesus Christ

- Blessing to all peoples
- Saviour of the world
- We are judged by our response to Him



Jesus now....

- Lives in us
- We, the church, are the “body of Christ”

So.... We inherit
God’s promises and purpose
for Abraham.

**“Abraham....
...is the father
of us all”**

Romans 4: 16

God promises to bless us

- God has blessed you
- God still plans to bless you
- Forgiven
- Even in new or tough circumstances
- Adopted into his family
- With his love and his Spirit
- Given eternal life

God plans for you to *be a blessing*

- In your family
- At uni
- In church
- At the place where you work

God plans for you to *be a blessing*

- In your family
- Through friendship
- At uni
- By sharing your faith
- In church
- By praying for others
- At the place where you work
- Bringing the fragrance of Jesus into your office
- Through integrity
- By serving others

An exciting and scary calling!

- Abraham had a lot to lose
- He was 75 years old!
- Other people probably thought him crazy

An exciting and scary calling!

- Amid struggle and failures..... Abraham does something important right...

In each new place.....

**Abraham built an altar
to the Lord**

and called on the name of the Lord

