

***A Journey of Faith (Part 2)***  
***A Study of the Life of Abraham***  
**(Gen. 12:1 -13:4)**  
***“Keys to Getting a Successful Faith Lift”***

**Introduction:** Abram was a man of faith, but that doesn't mean he was a stranger to reality. In fact Abram learned that the road to a successful faith lift is paved with failures along the way. But in dealing with his failures Abram teaches us some great lessons on his journey of faith. Abram shows us that walking with God according to His word and His way, is the key to getting a successful faith lift.

**I. Abram's faith was lifted when he believed God's promises (v.1-3)** God makes 3 promises to Abram:

- 1. The promise of the nation** (Ex.19:6)
- 2. The promise of the blessing** (Gen. 3:15; Gal 3:8)
- 3. The promise of the land** (2 Pet 3:9; 2 Cor 1:20;; Eph.3:20)

**II. Abram's faith was lifted when he followed God's path: (v. 4-9)**

- 1. Following the path of God had a cost but Abram had the word of God. (v.4, 5)**
- 2. Following the path of God had conflict but Abram had the presence of God. (v6 - 9)**

**III. Abram's faith was lifted when he pursued God: (v. 10- 13:4)**  
*Just as it is for some of you, stepping out in faith was new for Abram. Consequently, he didn't always do the right thing.*

- 1. Abram's faith was tested – (v.10)** *A time of testing always follows a time of triumph.*
- 2. Abram's lack of faith lead to failure – (v.11-20)** *Faith moves us in the direction of peace and hope, while doubt moves us in the direction of restlessness and fear. (Phil 4:6-7)*
- 3. Abram's faith failure resulted in a faith lift – (13:1-4)**  
As Abram discovers, when we pursue God as our object of faith – we experience a successful faith lift.