

A Journey of Faith (Part 4)
A Study of the Life of Abraham
(Gen. 14)
“In the Faith of Victory”

Introduction: Abram’s faith was one that depended upon the promises of God to bring him victory on his journey of faith in the midst of life’s changing and challenging circumstances. And by looking at Abram’s journey of faith, we too can learn how to walk in the faith of victory.

I. Abram met each change by faith which led to victory: (v.1-12)

Abram’s faith was changing his life and his life’s situations were changing around him. With each new change Abram would have to negotiate how his faith would lead him to respond to the world around him.

A. Abram’s faith could lead him to isolation –

This is not the answer because God is constantly changing us so we can change the world around us. (God even told Abram – He would bless the other nations of the world through him.)

B. Abram’s faith could lead him to identification – This is not the answer because while we are to be in the world, we are not to be of the world. (1 Jn. 2:15-17)

C. Abram’s faith could lead him to limited involvement – There are times when we need to stay out of things, and there are times we need to get in the middle of things.

1. Abram was involved as a witness – Sacrificial service is one way of showing the love of Christ to others.
2. Abram was about to become involved as a warrior – (Gal.6:1)

II. Abram was prepared to meet each challenge by faith, which led to victory: (v.13-16)

Abram was a peaceful man, but he was also practical, which meant he need to be prepared for the challenges that would come.

We must be ready to meet every challenge by faith to be victorious.

1. **We must be engaged** – We do not wrestle against flesh and blood (Eph. 6:12) but we DO WRESTLE.
2. **We must be equipped** – Abram didn’t just take 318 armed men, he took 318 equipped for battle men.
3. **We must be expectant** –I think Abram believed if God is for us, who cares who is against us (Rom. 8:31) – the victory is ours!
4. **We must be entwined** – Notice the goal was not personal revenge. Abram was laying his life and the life of his men on the line for a selfish, conceited self serving nephew. His army was united in purpose – victory
5. **We must be effective** – When they surprised the 4 kings and their armies they chased them for 100 miles and recovered Lot and all that was lost.
You know, the world is just waiting to see what God can do through an effective church full of saints totally yielded to Him.

III. Abram made each choice by faith, which led to victory: (v.17-24) With every spiritual victory comes choices of what to do next. After Abram’s great victory he was given two choices)

- A. **Abram had the choice of accepting the offer of the king of Sodom (the world).**
- B. **Abram had a choice of accepting the offer of the king of Salem, Melchizedec. (a type of Christ)**

Conclusion: If we will follow Abram’s example, we too will be able to walk in the midst of a changing world and challenging circumstances living our lives through the faith of victory!