

A Journey of Faith (Part 7)
A Study of the Life of Abraham
(Gen. 17)

“The Kind of Faith that Changes Everything”

Introduction: We are living in critical times: in our nation, communities and in the life of our church and our own individual lives. I believe God wants to do some pretty incredible things, but before He can or does, He’s going to have to bring us to a new place in our relationship with Him!

For some time now Abram has been living and believing he was in the Lord’s will when one day God appears to him and tells him some pretty unbelievable stuff. When God gets done, Abram has come to a new place in his relationship with God, and it produces in his life (as it will in ours) *The kind of faith that changes everything.*

This is what God wants to do for you today!

I. The removal of God

Sometimes there are periods of time when God is quiet and seemingly absent. *What does it mean?*

1. First, what it does not mean –

- a. **It does not mean He is inactive** (Eph.1:10,11)
- b. **It doesn’t mean He has abandon you** (2 Pe.3:9)

2. What it does mean is–

- a. **That God is providing us with a specific occasion to trust in Him by faith –**
- b. **We walk by faith not by sight.**
- c. **It can also mean, He is waiting for us to be ready to hear what He has to say next...(Ps. 33;10, 11; Prov. 19: 16, 21)**

II. The revealing of God (vv 1-8)

It is not that what Abram was hearing was new – *it was that he was hearing it in a new way!*

A. A new Reveling of God’s Person - as "the Almighty God".

1. Abram knew who God was –

2. But God was revealing something about Himself -

Until we get the relationship with God right – we can’t get the walk right! (The level of our fellowship with God is determined by depth of our relationship!) (1 Pet. 1:16.)

B. (2-4) A new reveling of God’s promise –

C. (v. 5) A reveling of His plan – Here’s where everything changes! (Heb. 11:1)

III. The news of the rewards of God: (v.6 -27) God was not done...

A. v. 6 God promises to reward Abraham with fruitfulness - (Jn 15:5.)

B. v. 7-8 God promises to reward Abraham’s faithfulness – (Lam. 3:22-23).

C. v. 15-22 God promises to reward Abraham’s future - Jn 6:1-13).

D. vv. 23-27 God promises to reward Abraham’s faith – What Abraham does next reveals what he believes about God. (Rom. 2:28-29; Gal. 5:6; Col. 2:11; Gal. 6:15.)

Conclusion: As Abraham walked with God on his journey of faith, his relationship with God reached new depths and he learned to accept by faith, nothing is too hard for God! **If we’ll do that**, we too can have *the kind of faith that changes everything!*