

A Journey of Faith (Part 13)
A Study of the Life of Abraham
(Gen. 23)
“Turning Your Faith toward Reality”

Introduction: In our text today, we find Abraham facing an emotional crisis. The love of his life and bride of many years has died. Abraham amazes us with the great courage, character and conduct he displays in the midst of this crisis. Abraham’s example teaches us how to deal with Life’s hardships through faith. *By turning their faith toward reality!*

I. ABRAHAM DISPLAYS GREAT COURAGE IN HIS CRISIS: (v.1-2) Abraham's wife of some 70 years has died. (Heb. 9:27; Rev.21:4)

A. Abraham showed courage in his life –

B. Abraham showed courage in his loss –

II. ABRAHAM DISPLAYS GREAT CHARACTER IN HIS CRISIS: (v.3 – 16) If there is one time more than another when a believer’s testimony should really stand out – it’s in the time of death.

A. Abraham’s previous faith gave him stability in a crisis – (1 Thes. 4:13; Phil. 1:21-23; 2 Cor. 5:1-8)

B. Abraham’s present faith gave him ability in a crisis

1. **Abraham demonstrated great character –** (vv. 4-6) (1 Pet. 2:11)

2. **Abraham declared his case -**

III. ABRAHAM DISPLAYS GREAT CONDUCT IN HIS CRISIS: (v.7-20)

A. Abraham’s faith moved him through the process – (v.8a)

B. Abraham’s faith moved him toward the promises –

1. **The promise of possessing the land** (Gen. 13:15-17.)
2. **The promise that one day he would stand with Sarah once again,** (Heb. 11:9-10; Job 19:25-27; John 14:1-3.)
3. **The promise that God knows what He’s doing -** (Jer. 29:11; Rom. 8:28)
4. **The promise of God’s power -** He knew that he was serving a God who controlled all the affairs of life and of death!

When we turn our faith towards reality, it doesn’t make the trials and the pain of this journey any easier; it makes them bearable!

Conclusion: There are times when we all look at an impossible situation and wonder how much more we can take and how can I go on?

Let me assure you today, that God's grace is sufficient for you in everything you will face in this life, (2 Cor. 12:9). So, turn your faith toward reality and sing with all your heart – “It is well with my soul!”