

Summer Series:
Abraham in the New Testament:

The Father of Faith

August 5th, 2026

Topical study on Abraham in the New Testament. Four parts to delve into how the character, life and witness of Abraham is integral to the Christian walk and how Abraham is referenced continually in the New Testament as an example of character to the Church. Our topics will delve into these four lessons:

- **The Father of Blessing**
- **The Father of Intimacy with God**
- **The Father of Sojourners**
- **The Father of Faith**

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony." Hebrews 11:1-2 NKJV

Abraham was 75 years old when God called out of his father's house, Haran, to go to the of God's promise and inheritance. God promised him the land would be for him and his offspring. And promised an heir.

- **(10yrs)** After 10 years Sarah gave Abraham her maidservant, Hagar to bear children.
- **(11yrs)** Abraham was 86 years old when Ishmael was born.
- **(24yrs)** Abraham was 99 years old when God met him and established His covenant sign of circumcision.
- **(25yrs)** Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born, Sarah was 90 years old.

- **(72yrs / 100yrs)** Sarah lived on the earth til her 137 year. Abraham lived on the earth til his 175 year.

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." Hebrews 11:13

" And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect" Hebrews 11:39-40

Twenty – five years ago today: August 5th, 2001:

- **Pre-Smartphone:** Mobile phones were strictly used for calls and SMS text messages, and Snake on a Nokia monochrome screen was peak mobile gaming.
- Microsoft was finalizing **Windows XP**, which launched later that fall on October 21, 2001.
- Apple was just a couple of months away from announcing the **very first iPod** in October 2001, forever changing portable audio.
- The **September 11th, 2001** terrorist attack had not happened yet. It was still a month away.
- **Price of Gas:** averaged \$1.32 a gallon
- **MLB Record Comeback:** The Cleveland Indians erased a 14–2 deficit to defeat the Seattle Mariners 15–14 in 11 innings, tying the Major League Baseball record for the largest comeback win and stalling Seattle's run at a single-season wins record.
- **Ravens** with Ray Lewis had won the Super Bowl, **Coach K and Duke** had won his third college basketball title, and Shaq and Kobe Bryant won the NBA championship in June with the **Lakers**. The undefeated Miami Hurricanes had won the college football national championship.

Think on 25 years ago, is there a promise, a vision, a blessing from God that you are still believing for?

Has God spoken to you and given a faithful promise to you or your family?

Is there evidence of this promise in your life of faith? Attitude, lifestyle, character of faith.

We are of the seed of Abraham it says in the Bible. Our spiritual family's faith is tenacious and long-suffering and persistent.

Abraham revealed his faith by his actions; he didn't just believe God in his heart and hope. He showed his faith in God.

"But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone." **James 2:18-24**

"By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. **Hebrews 11:17-19**

" That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,

who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification." **Romans 4:16-25**

" Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.” **Galatians 3:5-9**

"for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise." **Galatians 3:26-29**

Summer of 2026 Key Points and Themes:

- 1) Exercise Your Faith.
- 2) Believe for MORE.
- 3) Purpose FULL!
- 4) Those with Kingdom VISION have revelation of God’s PURPOSES.
- 5) The PURPOSE OF GOD STANDS!
- 6) Purpose spurns from INTIMACY.
- 7) Purpose initiates IDENTITY.

The Holy Ghost is seeking our intimacy, to initiate your identity, and give you purpose. To spur your heart to believe for MORE, to know and to act in faith, knowing His purposes will always stand, because they always come to pass. Amen!

Abraham is the father of faith, because he chose to walk through the rest of his life in faith. He is the father of the faith-filled lifestyle.

Faith-filled Lifestyle:

"The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions." **1 Timothy 1:5-7**

"Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**