

# Bible Heroes

Abram

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notes



Essential Teachers notes:

The stories of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are the foundations upon which the chosen people of God are called. Starting right at the very beginning we find nothing more than an older man of moderate means who is willing to follow, to risk, and to obey. Abram as we meet him here is just as ordinary as Mary was when the angel arrived. This short story starts with the ending in some ways and is told from the heavenly perspective, interweaving questions to pause and ponder at.

Main Passage : Genesis 12

Additional Passages : Genesis.

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God looked at his beautiful world, the world was good but it's people seemed lost. They looked every way to find some guidance but forgot to ask him. When one turned his way he tried to speak with them but they did not listen to his advice.

God said to himself; "I will find a man and a woman to start the people of God. Their family will grow and come to know me. When they know me they will listen to my words and one day to their family I will send my son to help save all people."

Who would you choose to start the family of God?

What would you look for?

Of all the people in the world God chose Abram to be the father of his people.

Abram lived in the land of Ur in his father's house. He was an old man of 75, when God chose him. Abram spent his days with his nephew Lot and the evenings with his wife Sarai. He kept sheep and had servants, he did not even know God. It may seem like Abram was a strange choice but Abram would listen, and if he believed something to be true then it would change how he acted. So God chose him.

The Lord told Abram

Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;

I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

I wonder if you would go if God told you to go?

Abram did as the Lord asked. He packed up his house, his nephew's house, and headed south. I'm sure people thought Abram was crazy, he had no children and his wife was old. He did not know where he was going, but still he travelled. His wife did not understand him, his nephew did not understand, but still they all travelled, with their sheep and servants and tents.

And Abram's travels took a long time, they were full of adventures and sacrifice and even involved changing his name. Abram believed God's promise, he did become the father to a great nation and from his people came the messiah who would save all people, Jesus.

**Today's hero is Abram, because he shows us the gift of leaving**