

# The Faith of Our Father Abraham

Rom. 4:12

## Introduction:

- A. Abraham was great in God's scheme of things.
- B. Abraham sometimes called "the father of the faithful."
- C. Greatness of Abrahams faith seen in several events:

## Discussion:

- I. When He Left Home (Gen. 12:1-4; Acts 7:2-4; Heb. 11:8).**
  - A. Did have to know all before beginning.
  - B. Recognized his and business and God's business.
    - 1. Secret things belong to God - revealed to us (Duet. 29:29)
    - 2. Need to mind our own business (John 21:21-22)
- II. When He Settled With Lot (Gen. 13:5-13).**
  - A. Peace more important than temporal advantage.
  - B. Eternal values more important than temporal advantage.
  - C. Peace & edification is more important than piece of meat (Rom. 14:17).
- III. When He Was Promised a Son (Gen. 15:1-6; 16-18; Rom. 4:16-25).**
  - A. Could not depend on own strength (Rom. 4:21; cf. Gideon).
  - B. Gave God the glory (Rom. 4:20; cf. 1 Cor. 1:27-31).
- IV. When He Pleaded for Sodom (Gen. 18:23-33).**
  - A. Persistence in prayer (cf. Luke 18:1-5).
  - B. His concern of others.
- V. When He offered Isaac (Gen. 22:1-19).**
  - A. Had to overcome personal emotions.
  - B. Had to overcome a seeming contradiction (cf. Heb. 11:17-19).

## Conclusion:

- A. Abraham was not perfect – great men have weaknesses.
  - 1. Laughed at God (Gen. 17:17).
  - 2. Lied about Sarah.
- B. Abraham was great example of faith – faith overcomes weakness.