



The Bible for Grown-Ups
WEEK 3: Abraham – Failure doesn't define you.
(Genesis 12:1-20 NIV)

As children, many of us received a leather-covered book full of long words and difficult names we couldn't pronounce. We were told everything in it was true and we should do our best to abide by its teachings... Then we grew up. What was oh-so-simple then is...well, it's not simple.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. [ICEBREAKER] What did you know about Abraham's story when you were young?
2. How might we learn to focus on who someone is rather than seeing them as the result of their actions? What scripture might help in this area?
3. Why do you think people sometimes focus on failure before they focus on the success in their life? What thoughts do you have on how someone might begin to change that pattern?
4. Abraham's life was not defined by his failures, even though he wasn't perfect. It was defined by his faith, because he chose to believe. If you could choose now, what might you want to see in your biography?
5. NEXT STEPS: This week, consider taking a few minutes to write out a short note based on the questions below. Keep this where you can see it as you go about your week.
 - How would you like your faith to define your life?
 - What do you want others to see in your story?

MOVING FORWARD

How will you choose to define your life?

*"The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you."
—Genesis 12:1 (NIV)*