

# Great Faith – Father Abraham pt 1.

(Genesis 11:31-32 nlt)

<sup>31</sup>One day Terah took his son Abram, his daughter-in-law Sarai (his son Abram's wife), and his grandson Lot (his son Haran's child) and moved away from Ur of the Chaldeans. He was headed for the land of Canaan, but they stopped at Haran and settled there. <sup>32</sup>Terah lived for 205 years<sup>[f]</sup> and died while still in Haran.

- Terah, the father of Abram was taking his family to the land of Canaan.
- But instead of arriving to their destination, they stopped at Haran and settled there
- **Haran Means** – Mountaineer, Mountain Dweller or Mountain
- Could it be possible, that they settle there because they had a mountain top experience. Instead of continuing to their destination, they stop because it was comfortable, they were on top of the world, high on life.
- Names have mean  
**Terah means** – Delay, Wanderer or Station  
**Abram means** – High Father
- Abram which means High Father who dwelt in Haran which means Mountaineer or mountain Dweller was only there because of his father but the destination was always Canaan but because of his father Terah which means delay, wanderer or station they settle
- God was going to call Abram out of what he was use too, out of his comfort zone, out of his family his, out of his native country

- When God is about to change some things in your life, faith is going to be needed to step out

**(Genesis 12:1-9 nlt)**

**12** The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”

<sup>4</sup>So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. <sup>5</sup>He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all his wealth—his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household at Haran—and headed for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram traveled through the land as far as Shechem. There he set up camp beside the oak of Moreh. At that time, the area was inhabited by Canaanites.

<sup>7</sup>Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your descendants.<sup>[a]</sup>” And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the Lord, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>After that, Abram traveled south and set up camp in the hill country, with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. There he built another altar and dedicated it to the Lord, and he worshiped the Lord. <sup>9</sup>Then Abram continued traveling south by stages toward the Negev.

- When God called Abram, he told him to leave to a land that he will show him and that he will make him a great nation. He will bless those who

bless him and curse those who curse him and all the families on earth will be blessed through him

- The bible says Abram departed as the Lord instructed
- He was 75 years old when he left Haran, he took his wife, livestock, his servants and his nephew Lot came with him
- They were heading to the land of Canaan. So if Abraham departed as the Lord instructed then God plans for Abram since the beginning was always for him to be in the land of Canaan. But because his father Terah was a wanderer. A Delayer. Abram never reached his destination until he left his father's house
- Abram father Terah worship idols. He worshipped other gods. So for God to use Abram in the way he was chosen to be use he had to come out of that

### **(Joshua 24:1-3 nlt)**

**24** Then Joshua summoned all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, including their elders, leaders, judges, and officers. So they came and presented themselves to God.

<sup>2</sup> Joshua said to the people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: Long ago your ancestors, including Terah, the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River,<sup>[a]</sup> and they worshiped other gods. <sup>3</sup> But I took your ancestor Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him into the land of Canaan. I gave him many descendants through his son Isaac.

- God is still telling us to come out from unbelievers and to be separated

**(2 Corinthians 6:14-18 nlt)**

<sup>14</sup> Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? <sup>15</sup> What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil<sup>[d]</sup>? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup> And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God said:

"I will live in them  
and walk among them.

I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.<sup>[e]</sup>

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, come out from among unbelievers,  
and separate yourselves from them, says the Lord.

Don't touch their filthy things,  
and I will welcome you.<sup>[f]</sup>

<sup>18</sup> And I will be your Father,  
and you will be my sons and daughters,  
says the Lord Almighty.<sup>[g]</sup>"

- When the Lord called Abram, he spoke to him. When Abram responded in obedience and arrive where God wanted him to be, then the Lord appeared to him.

- When the Lord appeared, he told him he will give this land to his descendants
- Abram built an altar after the encounter and dedicated it to the Lord
- **Altar** – is a place that is designed or separated for worship unto God; a place of fellowship with God. A dedicated sacred space or platform designed to focus, amplify and anchor spiritual practices, acting as a bridge between the physical and spiritual realms

**A place where your life can be altered**

- BEFORE you ever read about Abram doing great things for God, you read about him building an altar before the Lord. BEFORE you ever read about him becoming the father of a great nation, you read about him building an altar before the Lord. BEFORE you ever read about the mighty touch of God being on his life you read about him building an altar before the Lord.