

# ABRAHAM

## Legacy

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*Altogether, Abraham lived a hundred and seventy-five years. Then Abraham breathed his last and died at a good old age, an old man and full of years; and he was gathered to his people.*

**(Gen. 25:7-8)**

**Building a legacy of faith with God involves at least four commitments...**

- **Follow wherever God leads you** – “By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.” **(Heb. 11:8)**
- **Obey whenever God tests you** – “By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.” **(Heb. 11:9)**

📌 **Obedience is less about “what should I do?” and more about “who do I love?”** – “Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.” **(John 14:21)**

- **Believe whatever God promises you** – “By faith Abraham, even though he was past age – and Sarah herself was barren – was enabled to become a father because he considered Him faithful who had made the promise.” **(Heb. 11:11)**

*And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised. **(Heb. 6:15)***

- **Share however God blesses you** – “Abraham left everything he owned to Isaac. But while he was still living, he gave gifts to the sons of his concubines and sent them away from his son Isaac to the land of the east.” **(Gen. 25:5-6)**

📌 **The life of faith is mostly about daily small steps, not giant leaps** – “You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,’ and he was called God’s friend.” **(James 2:22-23)**

**Through Jesus Christ, you and I are called to continue the legacy of Abraham...**

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

**(Gal. 3:28-29)**