

## For Class Interaction and Discussion

### *Lesson Outline*

#### **1. Introduction:**

- Abraham's early life and call from God
- New Testament references to Abraham as a model of faith

#### **2. Abraham's Pilgrimage of Faith:**

- Immediate response to God's call
- Sacrifices and the courage to move into the unknown

#### **3. Faith Involves a Separation:**

- Importance of Abraham's separation from his past
- Personal implications for believers

#### **4. Abraham's Patient Faith:**

- Living in patience and anticipation of God's promises
- Applying patience in our own spiritual journeys

#### **5. Abraham Experienced the Power of Faith:**

- Sarah's miraculous childbirth
- Trusting in God's seemingly impossible promises

#### **6. Abraham's Proof of Faith:**

- The ultimate test: Sacrifice of Isaac
- The power of unwavering trust in God's plan

### *Thought Questions for Discussion*

#### **1. Introduction:**

- a. Why is Abraham frequently mentioned in the New Testament?
- b. How does Stephen reference Abraham in his sermon in Acts 7.1-6?

#### **2. Abraham's Pilgrimage of Faith:**

- a. What challenges might Abraham have faced when leaving everything familiar behind?

#### **Hebrews 11.8-10**

**8** By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and set out for a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out, even though he did not know where he was going.

**9** By faith he stayed as a foreigner in the land of promise, living in tents as did Isaac and Jacob, coheirs of the same promise.

**10** For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

- b. Why is it significant that Abraham moved without knowing his destination?

**3. Faith Involves a Separation:**

- a. How might you relate to Abraham's experience of leaving behind the familiar?
- b. How can you practice separating from negative influences in today's world?

**4. Abraham's Patient Faith:**

- a. How can you cultivate patience in your own spiritual journey?
- b. What lessons can we learn from Abraham's time living as a nomad in Canaan?

**5. Abraham Experienced the Power of Faith:**

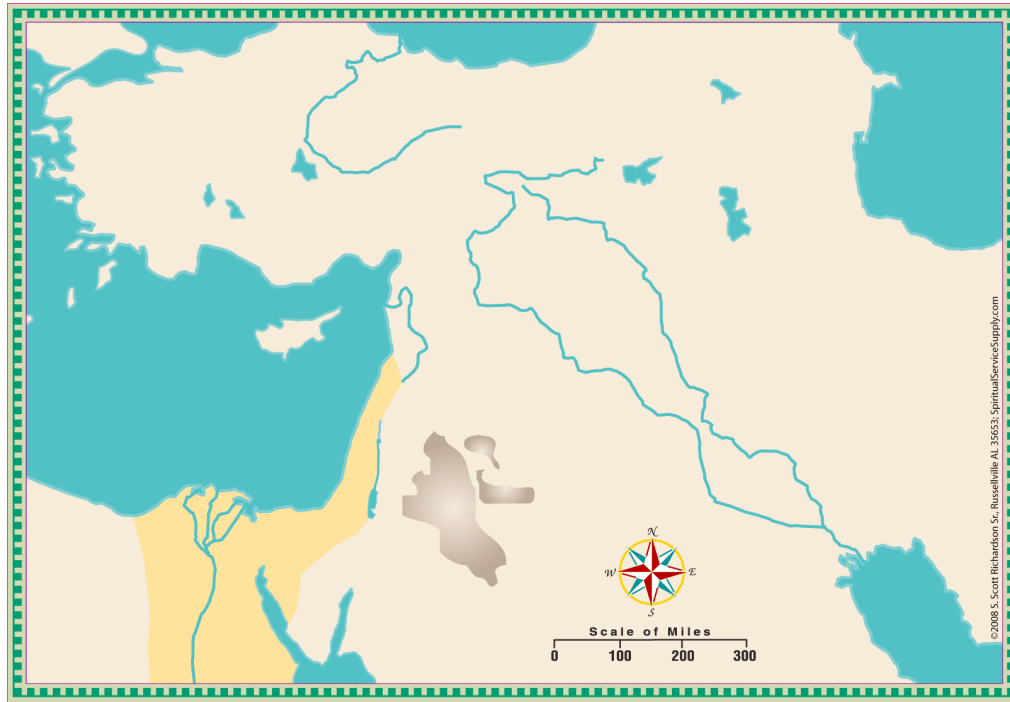
- a. How did Abraham and Sarah react to the seemingly impossible promise of a child?
- b. How can you trust in God's power in situations that seem beyond hope?

**6. Abraham's Proof of Faith:**

- a. How did Abraham demonstrate his unwavering faith when asked to sacrifice Isaac?
- b. How can you show your faith in challenging times?

## Group Activity

**Journey Map:** Sketch out Abraham's journey from Ur to Canaan. Discuss the significance of each stop along the way.



**Group Discussion:** Divide into groups and discuss a time when you've had to demonstrate patience or trust in God's plan, like Abraham.

## Walking with God Today

Reflect on Abraham's journey and the ways his faith was tested and proven. How can his story inspire and guide your own walk with God?