

# THE STORY

Sermon Outline  
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## God Builds A Nation

Genesis 12-36

### Three questions Abraham was able to answer with his faith:

#### 1. Will I trust where God \_\_\_\_\_ me?

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

#### 2. Will I trust what God \_\_\_\_\_ me?

**Genesis 15:4-5** - Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

#### 3. Will I trust what God \_\_\_\_\_ me?

**Genesis 22:1-3** - Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

### Faith lessons learned from Abraham:

1. Faith allows \_\_\_\_\_ people to be used by God in extraordinary ways.
2. Faith is following God when you aren't sure \_\_\_\_\_ He's leading or where you're going.
3. Faith isn't hoping in \_\_\_\_\_. It's trusting God against all hope.

**Romans 4:18-21** - Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

*Faith means trusting God to do what He says  
He'll do even when we don't understand how.*

4. Faith recognizes that God is never \_\_\_\_\_ but He is seldom \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ in action.

**Hebrews 11:17-19** - By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

\_\_\_\_\_ connects  
your story to God's story.