



Biblical Character Sketches

Lesson 2—Abraham

“Abraham believed God” Rom. 4:3



**WALKING IN THEIR
SANDALS**







The Significance of Abraham

- Only **Jesus** supersedes Abraham.
- Human **history** unfolds from God's dealings with Abraham's seed.
- God's **covenant** with Abraham is a blessing to all humanity.
- Abraham's **titles** highlight his unique significance.
- God's "chosen" people gave us the **Messiah** and the **Scriptures**.
- Scripture records **conversations** between Abraham and God.
- Abraham is connected with major Bible **doctrines**.

Abraham's pilgrimage from Ur to Palestine





A Discussion Point

**What was different about
Abraham that enabled him
to live by faith?**



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But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. ... He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. 1 Cor. 1:27-31

God's call to Abram (12:1-8)

- The call: go to a place that “I will show thee”
- The promises to Abram
 - “make of thee a great nation”
 - “bless thee”
 - “make thy name great”
- The promises about Abram
 - “thou shalt be a blessing”
 - “bless them that bless thee”
 - “curse him that curseth thee”
 - “in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed”

A Practical Summary

*God's commands are **always** associated with promises. Count the shalls and wills here. He does not give His reasons, but He is lavish of His **promises**. The keynote of Abram's life was **separation**. Step by step, until country, kindred, Lot, worldly alliances and fleshly expedients were one by one cast aside and he stood **alone with God!***

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