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Biblical Character: Abraham

Scripture: Genesis 11:26-25:14;
Matthew 1:1; Acts 7:1-8; Romans 4;
Galatians 3, 4:21-31;
Hebrews 6:13-15, 11:8-20; James 2:20-23

Pastor's Notes: Abraham was a wealthy man who was minding his own business and worshipping the common idols of the day. The one true God revealed Himself to Abraham and then called him first to be a worshiper and second to be a missionary to the rest of the world. God's covenant with Abraham was based on God's commitment to him, not on Abraham's commitment to God.

Read:

Read the Bible verses listed above and listen to the sermon.

Observe:

After prayer and study of the text and the sermon:

1. If you were describing this Old Testament character to someone, how would you describe him/her? Please focus on his character (who he is) as much as his deeds (what he did).

2. What were his/her strengths? (verses)

3. Where in the text do you see evidence of this character's brokenness?

4. Where in the text do you see evidence of the glory or image of God in this character?

5. How is the love of God evident in this character's story?

9. Where do you see redemption, which is a picture of Christ and the Gospel, in this character's story and what was God doing to make this character whole?

6. What were his/her idols (power, comfort, control, approval)?

Apply:

7. In what ways do you identify with this character?

1. What spiritual need do you have or what spiritual need do you see in your closest relationships that aligns with this character's needs?

8. In what ways do you identify with the Biblical writer (if different than the character being studied?)

2. How did this character's story speak to that need?

What concerns does the writer seem to be addressing?

3. What beliefs or belief system most influenced this character's life and actions?

4. What do you learn from this about yourself and God?

Depend: Write a prayer of dependence on God that includes a gospel understanding of your own brokenness and of the love that God (through Christ) has for you.

5. How did this character or his/her story inspire or warn you?

6. What actions or change in behavior does your study of this character motivate you to take?