



# Abraham: From Barrenness to Fruitfulness

**WORSHIP (15 MINS)**

11-24-2024

## Venue: Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.

**Venue: Public place** (school, café, park, etc.) or **Via Online**,

Testimonies: **“What is your “high” or “your “low” this past week?”**

Ask someone to do the opening prayer:

**WELCOME (15 MINS)**

## Welcome guests/first-time visitors.

Memory Verses for the week: **Genesis 12:3 NIV, Romans 4:3 NIV**

Ice-breaker: **Why was Abraham considered the greatest at camping?**

Because he knew how to "pitch" his tent (obey God's promises), no matter where he went!

**WORD (30-45 MINS) Text: GENESIS 12:1-4 NIV**

### Intro Questions:

**For Millennials** – How many of you grew up strong and independent? How old should you be to leave your family, be on your own?

**Parents of Millennials** – How old or at what age should your grown ups leave your home (with your blessing of course) and be independent?

**Intro:** Abraham was childless at age of 75 (because his wife Sarah couldn't bear children) when God called him to leave his family and relatives to follow Him into becoming a great nation to a place called the Promised Land. Let's learn how Abraham lived a fruitful and fulfilling life.

**1. Abraham had a clear understanding of God's call – vv. 2-3** - God promised Abraham that through him all families of the earth would be blessed, a promise fulfilled in Jesus, the SEED of Abraham. Today, through faith in Jesus and His redemptive work, people from every nation can become part of God's family, the Church. Our mission, both individually and collectively, is to lead others to Christ and guide them to become His followers. Unlike Abraham's biological descendants, the Church's task today is to spiritually multiply by bringing people into salvation and discipleship in Christ.

**Q:** How can I personally be a blessing to others through my faith in Jesus?

**Q:** In what ways can I actively contribute to the mission of leading others to Christ and guiding them in spiritual growth/discipleship?

**Q:** How can I help spiritually multiply by reaching out to people from different backgrounds and helping them find salvation in Christ?

### 2. Abraham believed God - Read Romans 4:3, 17-18 NKJV

God made Abraham righteous because of his faith. He believed in a God who can raise the dead and create things from nothing. Even though Abraham and Sarah were old and had waited 25 years, Abraham trusted God's promise of many descendants, believing God would fulfill His word, no matter how impossible it may seem.

**Q:** What are some areas in our lives where we need to trust God, even when it seems impossible?

**Q:** How can we strengthen our faith to believe in God's promises, even when the wait feels long?

**Q:** What does it mean to believe that God “can raise the dead and create things from nothing?” How can this strengthen our faith and trust in God?

**Application:** As followers of Christ, we are commissioned to make disciples and believe that God wants us to bring many spiritual children to faith in Jesus. Matthew 28:18-20

### Leader's Tips:

**S** - Sensitivity. No one should feel left out.

**P** - Participation is encouraged.

**A** - Acknowledge. Make guests feel welcomed.

**C** - Confidentiality. What is shared stays in the group.

**E** - Encouragement. Be a blessing to one another.

### 3. Abraham placed everything in God's hands and followed Him - v.4

Abraham's obedience had a lasting impact through his offspring, Jesus Christ. God's chosen people started with Abraham's descendants and has now expanded to include individuals from every nation, united by a common faith in Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and resurrection. Once a childless man, Abraham became the father of many nations—both biologically and spiritually—because he believed God and faithfully followed His calling.

**Q:** Just like Abraham's faith had a lasting impact up to this moment, how can our obedience to God today make a difference in the lives of others in the future?

**Q:** What is God's calling for me, and how can I trust Him to help me follow it, even when it seems hard or unclear?

**Q:** How can I strengthen my faith in Jesus and share that faith with others, knowing that God can use me to make a difference in the world?

**Reflection:** How many are willing to fully trust the Lord, leave the worldly life and aimless wanderings behind and go with Him to make disciples of Christ in His mighty power wherever and to whosoever?

**Conclusion:** A century ago, one-way missionaries like A.W. Milne embarked on life-long missions, packing their belongings in coffins and bidding farewell to their old lives. Milne served among a tribe in the New Hebrides, fully aware of the dangers, as previous missionaries had been martyred. For 35 years, he lived and loved among them. When he passed, the tribe honored him with a powerful epitaph: “When he came there was no light. When he left there was no darkness.”

### What is your take-away from this lesson?

#### WORK: The Challenge (15 mins.)

**P- Pray** for one another. Ask “what can I pray for you?”

**R- Remind** to invite a friend on the next gathering.

**A- Apply** the message during the week.

**Y- Yearn** to share your faith with someone during the week.