

Profiles in Faith: The Friend of God

Genesis 12:1-4

Sermon Notes

1. Abraham was a man of _____.
2. Abraham _____ when God called.
3. Abraham _____ but kept moving forward.

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For the Family

Read **Genesis 12:1–4** and **Hebrews 11:8–10**

Explain that God told a man named Abram (Abraham) to move from where he lived to a new place that God would show him.

Talk together about what this meant for Abraham:

1. He had to leave where he had lived for a long time. Abraham was probably happy where he was. He had family and friends. He had a nice place to live, with his father. He had a good business. It was tough for Abraham to leave all that, but he did, because God told him to.

If you have moved as a family, talk about how hard it was to leave family and friends behind.

2. He had to trust God that he would be okay in the new place. He was leaving a place where he had what he needed for a good life. Would God provide in the new place? Would he be safe? Would he have what he needed?

Talk about what it means to move to a new place. You have to learn where everything is. You have to adjust to a new school or a new job. You have to make new friends.

3. He had to live in tents, because the city had not yet been built. The city wasn't ready, and wouldn't be ready in Abraham's lifetime. Yet Abraham lived there, in obedience to God.

Sometimes when we move, we have to live in temporary housing while we wait for our more permanent place. It isn't always easy, but we know that a better place is coming.

Abraham obeyed God. He left behind everything he knew in order to move to a new place which God promised to him. He obeyed God, trusting that God would take care of him.

Pray together that you will be obedient to God, even if it means leaving something behind and learning new things. Tell God you will trust him, no matter where he sends you.