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**LIVING BY FAITH**  
(A STUDY OF ABRAHAM)  
Genesis 12:1-20

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The Nature of the Call of Abraham

Genesis 11:26-32; Joshua 24:1-3; Genesis 12:1-3

He was called out of darkness and bondage into the liberty and glory that only God can give.

Hebrews 11:8-10; James 2:23

He wanted friendship and fellowship with God above all things.

He believed in God and depended on Him for everything. He did not know how things would work out, but he had total faith in God that with God all things are possible.  
Romans 4:17-22

The Problems that He Faced

Genesis 12; 13; 14; 15; 16; 17; 18; 20:1-18

He was a foreigner, no home, no friends. Foreigners were not allowed to own lands and houses, although they could own movable properties. Therefore, he lived in a tent from place to place.

His wife was barren, his brother's son was rebellious. His family life was difficult because of the friction between Sarah and Hagar, his concubine.

Although he was a man of much faith, he needed to learn patience.

How He Lived by Faith

Abraham believed that:

God is good and gracious, and He cannot be wrong.

God will be faithful to His promises. God can be trusted completely.

Obedience is better than sacrifice. He sought to please God by living in a manner that shows he is a Godly man, a God-fearing man.

**OUR OWN CALLING IN CHRIST**

We are called:

Out of Egypt - Matthew 2:15

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Into fellowship - 1Corinthians 1:9; 23-24

To peace - 1Corinthians 7:15, Colossians 3:15; 1Peter 2:20-21; 1Peter 3:9

To liberty and hope - Galatians 5:13; Ephesians 4:1-4

To eternal life - 1Timothy 6:12

To holiness - 2Timothy 1:8-9