

# CHARACTER LESSONS FROM BIBLE HEROES

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## Abraham: Obedience

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Colossians

2:6

Obedience means obeying \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you." <sup>4</sup> So Abram departed as the LORD had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

Genesis 12:1-4

### Obeying God Requires That I:

- I) Discover God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A) The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. Genesis 12:1
  - B) God's will is:
    - 1) Not \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 2) Rarely given in its \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 3) Customized to the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 4) Confirmed \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C) But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. 1 John 2:5
- II) Join God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A) He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not

mine.” Matthew 26:39

B) <sup>1</sup> The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you... <sup>4</sup> So Abram departed as the LORD had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. Genesis 12:1, 4

C) Obeying God ALWAYS requires leaving my \_\_\_\_\_.

D) Obeying God ALWAYS requires \_\_\_\_\_ Him fully.

E) The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. Genesis 12:1

F) For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

III) Experience God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

A) I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.” Genesis 12:2-3

B) <sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am El-Shaddai—‘God Almighty.’ Serve me faithfully and live a blameless life. <sup>2</sup> I will make a covenant with you, by which I will guarantee to give you countless descendants.” <sup>3</sup> At this, Abram fell face down on the ground. Then God said to him, <sup>4</sup> “This is my covenant with you: I will make you the father of a multitude of nations! <sup>5</sup> What’s more, I am changing your name. It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham, for you will be the father of many nations. Genesis 17:1-5

Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them. John