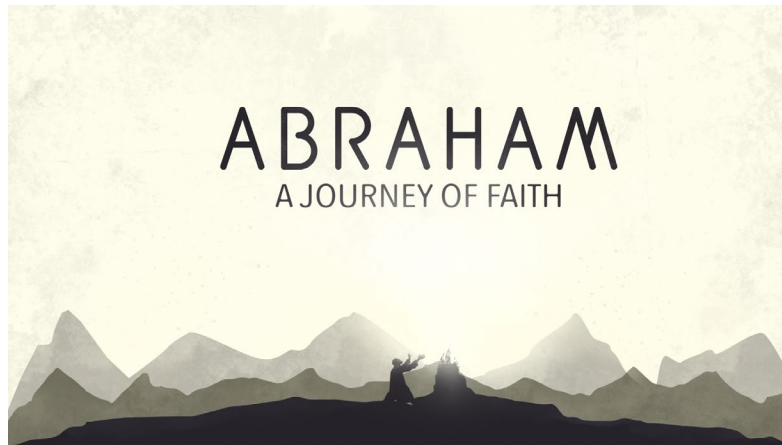


March 27th, 2022, Pastor Guy



Abraham - "Friend of God" & "Man of Faith"

(James 2:23)

(Galatians 3:9)

"You are my friends if you do what I command you."

John 15:14 (ESV)

"The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. So Abram went, as the Lord had told him..."

"Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him."

"From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord."

Genesis 12:1,4,6-7,8-9

Two Symbols of Abraham's Journey of Faith

1. Tent

"By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise."

"For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God."

Hebrews 11:9-10

2. Altar

Principle: Every Journey of Faith has testings

Truth – We are each a 'living stone' in the altar of glory to God.

*"**You also, like living stones**, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."*

1 Peter 2:5

Your Stone & Your Journey of Faith

- When you received Jesus
- When you chose to follow Jesus
- 'Yes' legacy

The greatest stone reminder:

"When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

*But when they looked up, **they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.** As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a*

*white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for **Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen!** He is not here. See the place where they laid him."*

Mark 16:1-6

For discussion:

1. Share one or two of your greatest tests of your faith.
2. When did you receive Jesus?
3. When did you choose to follow Jesus?
4. What is your great prayer of faith?