

Series: Becoming a Champion for God

Title: Abraham – The Champion of Faith

Text: (Heb 11:8-9)

Abel, Champion of Worship.

Enoch, Champion of the Daily Walk with God.

Noah, The Champion of Obedience.

Abraham, The Champion of Faith

(Heb 10:38) “ the just shall live by faith”

All Champions live by Faith, all who live by faith
are Champions for God.

(Heb 11:8-10, 12-19)

(Gen 17:1) God commanded Abraham to Walk
before Him

Took God at His Word: (Heb 11:8)

After receiving God's call (Gen 12:1-3; Gen 15:6)

(Rom 4:11b) “*that he might be the father of all them
that believe*”

Responded to what he did know: (Heb 11:9-10)

Illus: “He Went with Sealed Orders!”

Illus: Obedience doesn't have to rely on complete
knowledge. **But on Trust!**

***Illus:* It Matter what your faith is ON!**

Do you believe planes fly?

Why do we say we get “ON” instead of “IN”?

Dependence Upon:

Faith: (Heb 11:1-2)

(2 Cor 4:18) *While we look not at the things which
are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the
things which are seen are temporal; but the things
which are not seen are eternal.*

Followed God's Leading: (Heb 11:9)

Abraham entered the Promised Land (Gen 12:4-6)

What have you believed God for? Rom 4:3

Have you believed Him to save you?

Have you believed Him to Keep you? 2 Tim 1:12

Have you believed Him to get baptized? Luke 12:8-9

Stepped out even though he couldn't see the end:

(Heb 11:13) (2 Cor 5:7)

Abraham undergirded his faith in the covenant
promise of God (Heb. 11:8)

Illus: Imagine traveling with him!

Abraham didn't have all the answers.

Where are we going to stay?

Where are we going to eat?

The Abrahamic covenant includes three
commitments by Yahweh.

First, Abram personally would receive abundant blessings, including wealth, fame, and influence, and would be a source of blessing for others (Gen 12:2).

In fact, the verb in the final phrase of v. 2 is grammatically an imperative.

Abram is instructed to be a blessing.
Thus, his call was from the outset a missionary mandate encompassing all people.

Second, Abram would be protected by God.

Third, Abram's blessing would extend to his descendants (Gen 12:7 lit. "seed"), who would be an instrument of spiritual blessing to all the families of the earth (Gen 12:3).

This "Seed" is Jesus Christ who provides salvation for all peoples (Gal. 3:16).

He was a man of faith and prayer

Secure in His relationship with God:

He wasn't afraid to ask God for his desires.
(Gen 15:1-3,8 Gen 18:23-)

Determined to be obedient to the Lord,

Whatever the cost (Gen 22:1-18; Heb. 11:11-19).
(James 2:21) Justified by works.

The natural outcome of Abraham's faith was
WORKS! (Eph 2:10)

Illus: Phil 2:12 Flesh It Out! Illus: The best Sermon in the one lived.

His faith made him the "Friend of God":

He was described as the "friend" of God (James 2:23; 2 Chr. 20:7),

The end of His faith was his home in heaven: Heb 11:10

A major characteristic of the covenant is that it is unconditional.

Generations of Abram's descendants from time to time would default and fail, but ultimately Yahweh was committed to achieving these goals.

Your Children and Grandchildren will be affected by your faith!