What is Faith?

(based on Pastor Tim Howey's message, "God & the World: Abraham's Call.")

Abraham is Your Ancestor of Faith.

Abraham is the father of all who believe, Rom 4:9-12

- 1. If you are a Christ-follower, do you think of Abraham as your ancestor of faith?
- 2. What about Abraham's story is meaningful to you?

Faith is following God even when you don't know where you're going.

God told Abraham to go without giving him all the specifics. Abraham demonstrated faith by obeying and trusting God to work out the details, **Gen 12:1-5**.

- 1. Do you obey God without knowing all the details, **Heb 11:8**?
- 2. In what ways do you demonstrate faith by trusting God and His Word, **2Cor 5:7**?

Faith is following God even though you're not perfect.

Abraham wasn't perfect. He left as God asked, but he did NOT leave his family as God asked. He took his nephew with him. **Gen 12:4**

- 1. When you fail to follow perfectly, do you get up and turn back to God, **Pro24:16**?
- 2. When has God shown you compassion as you turned back to Him, **Luke 15:20**?

Faith is about taking Jesus' story to the world.

- The importance of your faith goes far beyond you, Gen 12:2-3.
- When you go to tell others about Jesus, it's a fulfillment of what God told Abraham, Mat 28:19-20.
- In what ways does your faith affects those around you?
- 2. Do you understand the responsibility you have to tell others about Jesus?

Self-Assessment: My Faith

How true are the following statements for you?

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	not true <>totally true
I go where God says even when I don't know the details.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
When I sin, I confess and return to God.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I take every opportunity to share Jesus' story and love.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

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