

At the age of 75, God called me to leave my father's home in the city of Haran to make a new home in the land of Canaan.



Faith-filled Models from  
the Old Testament:

**Abraham,  
the Father  
of Faith**

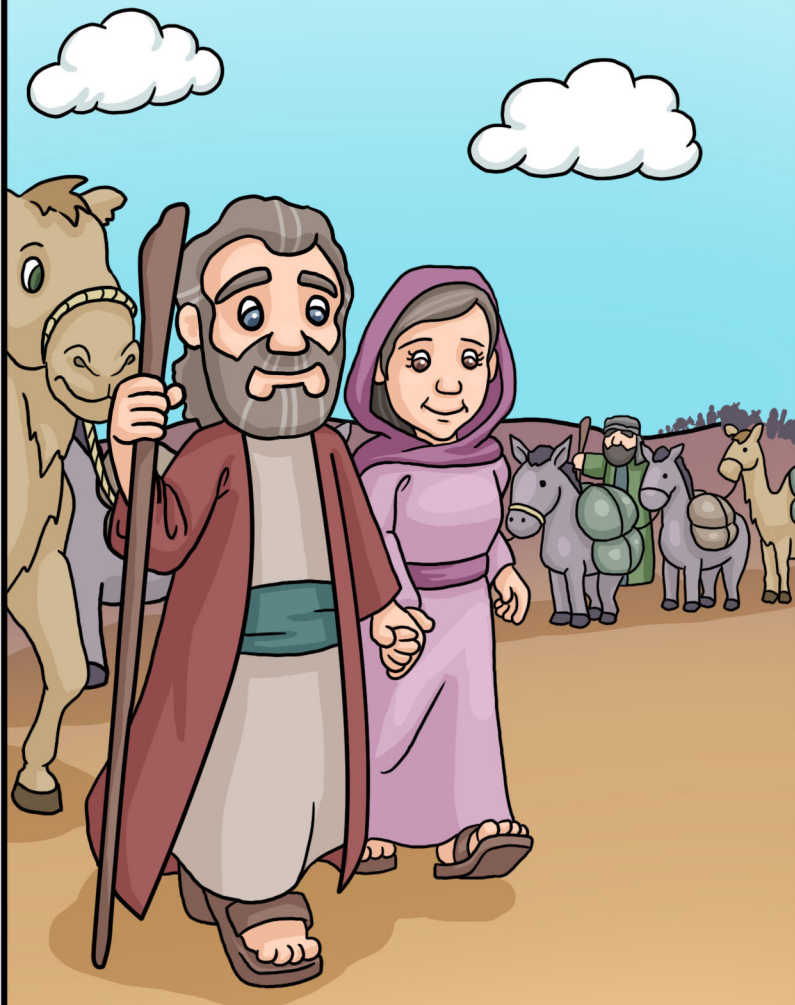
Read this summary of Abraham's life of faith in Hebrews 11:8–19. For a further study on the life of Abraham, see Genesis 12–25.

"Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing'" (Genesis 12:1–2 ESV).



From Haran to the land of Canaan was a journey of over 600 kilometers (375 miles).

Abraham and his wife, Sarah, traveled from Haran to the land of Canaan, taking their household with them—the men and women that worked for Abraham (along with their families), and the livestock (sheep, cattle, and pack animals). They didn't have cars or trucks or even trains. Instead, Abraham and his household walked, relying on pack animals to carry their belongings.



In Canaan, Abraham sometimes had to dig wells for the water needed—not only for his household, but also for their livestock as well. Though life was challenging, God blessed Abraham for staying obedient and close to Him, supplying for him and his household.

When Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah 90, Sarah gave birth to her only child, a son named Isaac. Abraham and Sarah thought Sarah was too old to bear children, but God was not limited by natural circumstances, and gave them a baby in their old age! (Genesis 17:15–17 and 21:1–7.)

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