



## Sermon Discussion Guide for Groups

# "Abraham and Sarah" | The Story of Us series

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"The Lord directs the steps of the godly.  
He delights in every detail of their lives."

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### Summary

This week's sermon focused on the story of Abram and Sarai from Genesis 12, highlighting their journey of faith as they left their homeland, their rhythms, and everything that felt predictable to follow God's call.

The message emphasized the importance of living by faith, trusting in God's promises, and being a blessing to others. It also touched on the transformation that occurs when we follow God, as seen in the name changes from Abram to Abraham and Sarai to Sarah, symbolizing a new identity and purpose in God's plan.

### Opening Prayer

"Heavenly Father, we come before you with open hearts, ready to receive what you have for us today. Help us to be attentive to your voice and willing to step out in faith as Abram and Sarai did. What do you have for us in this season of our lives? Where are you at work? How do you hope we'll join you in those noble efforts? How might we be changed in the process of forsaking all else to follow you?"

"May we be transformed by your presence and become a blessing to those around us. In Jesus' name, Amen."

## Getting Going

What is your favorite creature comfort or cozy necessity, and why do you love it like you do?

## Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean in your own life to “walk by faith”?
2. How do you tend to respond when God asks you to step out of your comfort zone?
3. Describe a time when God called you to something new. What was the new thing? How did you know that the input you were sensing was from God?
4. What are some “name changes” or clear marks of transformations that you’ve seen God accomplish in your own life?
5. What does it mean to you that you are part of the “seed of Abraham” through faith in Christ?

## Making It Personal

Identify one area in your life—a challenge you’ve been facing, a situation you’ve been wrestling with, a divine prompting you’ve been trying to ignore—where you can step out in faith and trust God. Take a practical step forward this week.

## Key Takeaways

- Living by faith requires stepping out of our comfort zones.
- God calls us to be a blessing to others.
- Transformation occurs when we follow God's call.
- God is faithful even when we are fearful or anxious.
- We are part of God's eternal covenant through faith in Christ.

## Closing Prayer

“Lord, thank you for the example of Abram and Sarai, who trusted you by stepping forward in faith, even when their questions far outnumbered your answers. Help us to follow their example and be open to the new places you want to take us, the new people you’d like us to cross paths with, the new things you want to do in our lives.

“May we be a blessing to others as we live out our identity first and foremost as your children. In Jesus' name, Amen.”

## **Key Passage | Genesis 12:1-7**

“The Lord had said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;

I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.’

“So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

“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.”

## **Passages for Further Study**

- Psalm 27:4
- Psalm 37:23-24
- Psalm 103:8
- Isaiah 55:8-9
- Galatians 3:27-29