

## Sermon: “*Abraham: A Model of Sacrificial Serving*”

Text: Genesis 14 (page 10 in pew Bible)

II Corinthians 5:7 “*We live by faith not by sight.*”

Romans 4:16 “He (Abraham) is the father of *us all.*”

The New Testament directs us to look to the life of Abraham to understand what it means to live by faith in Christ

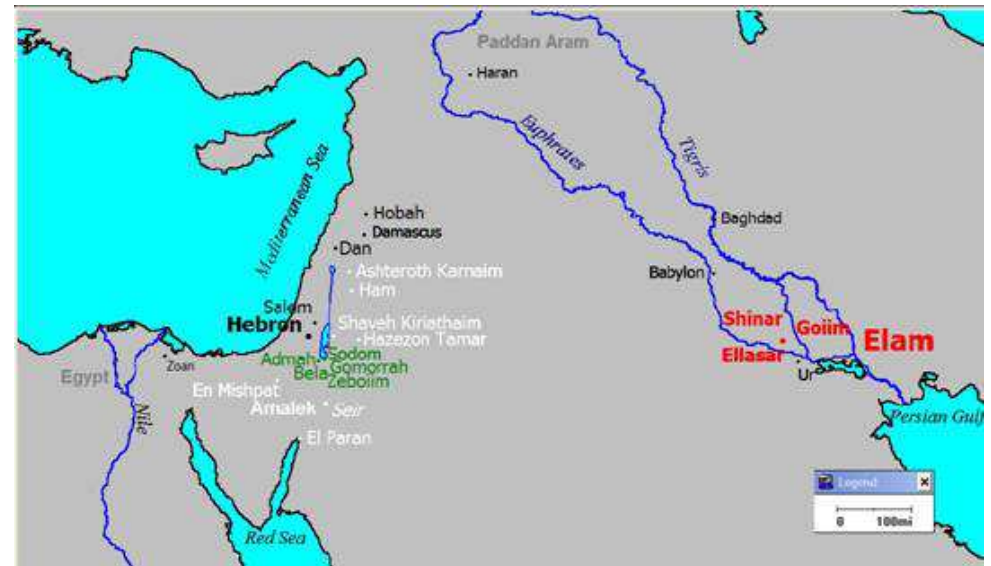
*We live by faith in Christ when:*

### Genesis 12

1. We live in obedience to His revealed will.
2. We worship Him.
3. We live like foreigners in this world now, who expect to arrive at and live in our homeland later.

### Genesis 13

4. We expect at least occasional trials, difficulties, and hardship to be a part of ordinary Christian experience.
5. We seek Him for His direction and trust Him for His provision.
6. We tell the truth in any and all circumstances.
7. We understand that our decisions affect others and not just us alone.
8. We know our desire for obedience will not always succeed.
9. In spite of our sins and failures - we get back up and return to following after God.
10. We put the interests of others ahead of our own.
11. We listen to the promises of God even when we have heard those same promises before.



*We live by faith in Christ when:*

### I. We live by serving others (even when they don't deserve it!).

“When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.” **Genesis 14:14**

### II. We live sacrificially for the sake of others.

### III. We acknowledge that God is our protector and provider.

“And Abram gave him (Melchizedek) a tenth of everything.” **Genesis 14:20**

“Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have lifted my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours...” **Genesis 14:22-23**

**Melchizedek – A King who is a Priest of God**

“king of Salem (and) ..priest of God Most High.” **Gen. 14:18**

(Anyone else we know fit this description?)