

## **Parallel**

### **(Parallel: Abraham's Future is Our Series – Part I)**

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NOTE: Until Gen. 17:5, Abraham has the name of Abram, but to simplify the discussion we will be using the name God gives him, Abraham.

1. Reflect briefly on the ancestors you know. How far back can you go? Is digging into your ancestry something you spend time on or something you care relatively little about?

2. Now think about the generations coming after you. What would you want your legacy to be when they come digging backwards and stumble across you?

3. Read Gen. 12:1-4 and consider the situation for Abraham and his family. Would you have responded in the same way?

4. Why did Pastor Steve say that Abraham was a living lesson in virtue, but not in morality?

5. Think of Abraham's life in three stages that are similar to that of a trapeze artist working high above the ground: 1) letting go; 2) joy of flight; 3) faithfulness of the catcher. Talk about each of these stages as it applies to Abraham and then as it applies to your life.

a) letting go

b) joy of flight

c) faithfulness of the catcher

6. Read Hebrews 11:8-12. What do these verses say about the man from whom Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are all descended?

7. So, how does the story of Peter in Matt. 14:22-33 fit in with all of this?