

“Abraham - A Journey of Faith”

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Introduction:

- A. I admire people who are _____ and _____.
- B. The Bible is a book about real _____, showing real _____ going through real _____ in a real _____.
- C. The experiences of the people in Scripture help us to understand ourselves, our needs, our _____, and our relationship with _____. (1 Cor. 10:11; Rom. 15:4)

I. Four Benefits of Studying Biographies

- A. A good biography translates _____ into _____.
- B. A good biography creates a closer _____ with people we have _____ from a distance.
- C. A good biography offers _____ when we go through similar experiences.
- D. A good biography helps us maintain a _____ perspective on life.

II. Abraham - A Journey of Faith

- A. In recent years, we have witnessed the rise of what some have called “radical _____,” led by authors like Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris, and Christopher Hitchens.
- B. How do we, as believers in a _____, conduct ourselves in a world that does not accept His existence as _____?
 - 1. If we rewind history back far enough, we discover a time in which virtually no one believed in the _____ God.
 - 2. In the midst of this theologically aimless humanity, one man emerged who began to proclaim what we might call “radical _____.”
 - 3. Today, Abraham is revered by the majority of the world as the “father of _____.”
- C. What do we learn about God in the early chapters of Genesis before Abraham is introduced?
 - 1. We learn that the God of the Bible is the only deity in _____.
 - 2. We learn that as the sole Creator of the universe, God has both the _____ and the _____ to rule over all creation, including people.
 - 3. We learn that God’s love for people is _____ and _____.
 - 4. We learn that God’s guidance is _____ from a human perspective.
 - 5. We learn that God’s blessings upon us are _____.

Conclusions:

- A. First, truly enlightened thinking builds upon the truth that God, as described in the Bible, not only exists but also actively _____ His creation.
- B. Second, the God of the Bible _____ each of us and has been actively involved in our lives from the day we were born – and even before!
- C. Third, God has a _____ for each of us and that this plan includes _____ greater than our ability to imagine.

Answer Key: Intro.A. authentic, transparent. B. life, people, experiences, world. C. struggles, God. I.A. truth, life. I.B. kinship, admired. I.C. stability. I.D. divine. II.A. atheism. II.B. Creator, God, truth. II.B.1. one, true. II.B.2. theism. II.B.3. faith. II.C.1. existence. II.C.2. authority, ability. II.C.3. infinite, absolute. II.C.4. unpredictable. II.C.5. astonishing. Concl.A. governs. B. loves. C. plan, blessings.