Sermon Series: Abraham - A Journey of Faith

“Abraham - A Journey of Faith”

Hebrews 11:8-12

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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.