#### TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Yetunde
OFFERING: Oyin

WORD: Guest Minister

**ANNOUNCEMENT: Lolade** 

#### WELCOME

We warmly welcome you, if you are worshipping with us for the first time. We believe you've become a member of our church family by God's grace.

Please ensure you speak to the Pastor or one of today's facilitators before you leave.

May God bless you richly (Amen).

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Come to me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ... For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

## **NEW IDEAS**

Would you like to suggest new ideas for the bulletin? If so, please contact the media / technical departments.

God bless.

## **CURRENT NOTICE(S)**

We are trying to reach out and be of use within the community. Do you have any ideas or suggestions?

Please talk to the Pastor if you do.



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## SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

## FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study From 7pm

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## **SERMON NOTES**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### Lessons from the life of Abraham

#### **Text(s):** Heb 11:8-10

Everyone of us has a flaw. The challenge with theoretical study is that it does not always present an account. His life incarnates the truth; brings out the challenges, joys, struggles and paints him as authentic and transparent. That's how the bible portrays real life, real people, real experience in a real world.

- It stabilises us when we have a similar experience
- We gain divine perspective.

There are some things about Abraham's life that stands out as the best we can learn from.

#### Heights and Depth

Heights represent his successes.

- When he was called, he obeyed by faith, not by sight.
- He had no clue what would happen in the future nor where he was going at 75! It is not an age that you would normally be taking risks (Gen 12:1-4: Heb 11:8).
- Unlike when we change jobs, careers, he had no map, how will he get there; no destination, security, hotels or strong family roots to lean on.
- Most of us will not do that but God is promoting you to step out in faith.
- Great things await those who are willing to obey without knowing the full facts.
- Aspire to hero status but learn from failures and pitfalls.
- He believed what he was promised (Gen 12 to Gen 25; Heb 12:9) and lived in an alien land, in tents (Heb 11:10; Rom 4:18-23 MSG).
- When he was tested he trusted and he offered up his only son how (Heb 11:19).
- As he was blessed he shared. He was generous and kind (Melchizedek, Lot).
- Guard against letting the odds keep us from trusting God. The odds are usually stacked against us but those who will trust don't look at the odds.

#### His blemishes and pitfalls weaknesses

Let's remember that we are all standing by grace.

- Retreated when he was afraid (Gen 12:10).
- He repeated the same failure as before with Abimelek (Gen 20).
- Listened to the wrong counsel when he was inpatient (Gen 16).
- Let's look at our lives when we run or compromise.
- How many times have we listened to counsels because it will solve a problem quickly could? There is nothing wrong with taking counsel from those we trust. God's counsel is always right and reliable. Never take counsel that contradicts the truth of the word of God.
- We must learn that if a previous decision was wrong and of no effect it's not likely to have changed.

#### Lessons learnt

- Follow wherever God leads, so long as it's God.
- Whatever God promises, believe. Things get worse when we trust our own judgement.
- Whenever God tests, trust. God may be testing you right now.
- However God blesses, share. Guard against greed and seek ways to release God's blessings.

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