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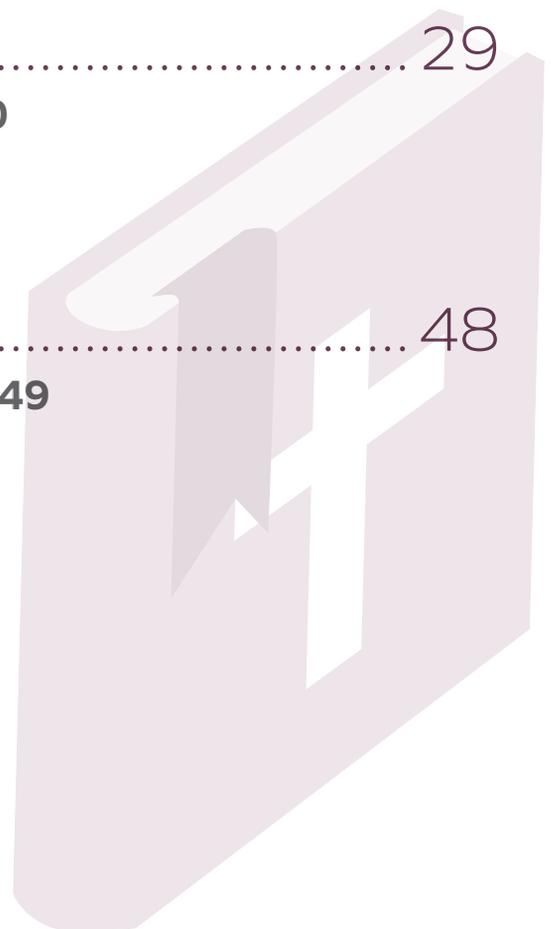
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# HOW OTHERS LIVED FOR GOD

God created all people for His own glory. One way people glorify God is through loving and serving Him and others. Although people have not always been faithful to Him, God has always been faithful. King David wrote, “The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one” (*Psalms* 14:2–3). The Apostle Paul echoed King David’s words when he wrote, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus” (*Romans* 3:23–26). Praise God that He didn’t abandon us when Adam and Eve fell into sin, dragging the rest of mankind with them.

In this LIFEPAK® you will examine the lives of believers whom God chose and used to bear witness of His goodness and faithfulness to the world. They were sinners, just like anyone else, and occasionally lacked faith in Him. Even then, God forgave their sins and lack of faith, and He strengthened them for the work He set before them. God doesn’t need people to work for Him, but God chose to make the world this way. God used these godly people to bring glory and honor to Himself and His Kingdom. As you study their lives, God can develop your talents and use you to bring honor and glory to His Kingdom.

## Objectives

**Read these objectives.** The objectives tell you what you will be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAAC. Each section will list according to the numbers below what objectives will be met in that section. When you have finished this LIFEPAAC, you should be able to:

1. Describe what it means to be chosen by God to be a believer.
2. Define what faith is.
3. Explain some of the ways that God used two important Old Testament believers, Abraham and David, to help Him, and identify some characteristics of their lives.
4. Explain ways that God used two New Testament apostles, Paul and John, to serve Him and how they lived for Him, and identify some characteristics of their lives.
5. Explain how God used Noah, Ruth, Hannah, Jonah, and Peter to help Him do His will in the world.
6. Explain why *Hebrews 11* can be called the “Hall of Faith” and how God developed these believers to serve Him in order to be listed there.
7. Explain how the Christian life is like a “race.”



# 1. BELIEVERS IN GOD

In this section of the LIFEPAC, you will study how God chose Abraham and David to bring glory into His Kingdom. As you read and think about Abraham and David, you will learn about how God used them for His purpose. You will see how He changed their lives and used them to glorify Him. You will learn about how God developed their **characters** as He helped them live for Him and show faith in Him. He blessed them and used them in His Kingdom. God is blessing you and wants to reveal Himself to you. In Jesus, He forgives all of your sins. He wants you to live for Him. By studying the lives of Abraham and David and some of their **characteristics**, you will learn how you can love and serve God and your fellow believers. God loves you. He will develop your ability to love, **honor**, worship, and serve Him.

## Objectives

**Review these objectives.** When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

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2. Define what faith is.
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## Vocabulary

**Study these new words.** Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this LIFEPAC.

**acknowledge** (ak nol ij). To admit that someone or something is true.

**ancestor** (an ses' tèr). A person from whom a person is descended.

**attitude** (at u tūd). A way of thinking or feeling.

**character** (kar ik tèr). The special ways a person feels, thinks, and acts.

**characteristic** (kar ik tu ris' tik). Something that makes a person different from others.

**commend** (kə 'mend). To praise, congratulate, approve, or entrust.

**deed** (dēd). An act or action done by someone.

**defy** (di fī). To resist or be set against something.

**descendant** (di sen' dunt). A person born to a certain family.

**famine** (fam' un). A lack of food in a certain place.

**honor** (on' èr). To give glory, fame, or credit to a person.

**laborer** (lā' bèr èr). A person who does work.

**Muslim** (müz' lm, mööz'-, müs'-, möös'-). A follower of the teachings of Islam, a religion started by a man named Muhammad.

**repent** (ri pent). To turn from sin and turn toward God.

**righteous** (ri' chus). Having a right standing before God.

**Tabernacle** (tab' èr nak ul). The movable tent used by Israel as a place of worship.

**tragedy** (traj' u dē). A very sad or terrible event.

**Note:** All vocabulary words in this LIFEPAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

**Pronunciation Key:** hat, āge, cāre, fār; let, ēqual, tērm; it, īce; hot, ōpen, ôrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thin; /TH/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ or /ə/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.

## Believers, Fellow-Laborers with God



Read Hebrews 11:1-2 and 1 Corinthians 3:6-15

God calls people to believe in Him, to have faith in Him, and to work for Him. To have faith is to be sure about what God has said about Himself, although we don't fully understand who He is, what He is doing, and what He has already done for us. The Bible says that Old Testament believers were **commended** by God because of their faith in Him (*Hebrews* 11:2). In this section, you will learn about Abraham and King David, two men of faith from the Old Testament. Later in this LIFEPAC, you will learn about other believers from the Old Testament who believed in God and had faith in His promises to them.

God uses Abraham, King David, Paul, and other believers to build His Kingdom on Earth. Paul describes the building of God's Kingdom like a farmer working on the harvest in a field or a master architect working on a building (*1 Corinthians* 3:6-10). God calls every believer to be a co-worker or fellow-**laborer** with Him. Believers have different talents and abilities, but only God can use someone's abilities to build His Kingdom.

The apostle Paul says that Jesus Christ is the foundation upon which God wants believers to build their lives ( *1 Corinthians* 3:11–15). God called New Testament believers to live their lives for Jesus Christ.

In Old Testament times, although believers couldn't see Him, Jesus was the Messiah and Savior whom God had promised. Living for God in Old Testament times was different than living for God today. In Old Testament times, believers did not have the teachings and examples of Jesus' life to guide them; however, God revealed Himself to them in various other ways. In Old Testament times, God wanted people to believe in Him, to have faith, and to watch for the day He would send them the Savior.

God's chosen people in both Old and New Testament times had to face the same problems of sin in their lives. Today, we can learn much about living as believers by studying the lives of Old Testament believers, how God developed their abilities, and how He used them to build His Kingdom.

Because God loved Abraham and David, they believed in Him and were fellow laborers in His Kingdom. Both of these men lived at different times and had different abilities; however, God used them to build His Kingdom, and they had great faith in Him. God formed their characters and they lived for God. When others saw what God had done through them, He taught the people about Himself by their examples. Their **deeds** and **attitudes** became part of their characters as God shaped their lives. Throughout history, God uses men and women to build His Kingdom and shapes their characters in the process. You will learn more about the characteristics of these fellow-believers as you study this LIFEPAK. You will learn about God's love for you and His great mercy, and He will make some of these godly qualities part of your life while He builds it.



| Believers are fellow-laborers with God as they build His Kingdom.



Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.  
**Hebrews 11:1**



**Answer true or false.**

- 1.1 \_\_\_\_\_ God created people for His own glory.
- 1.2 \_\_\_\_\_ God does all the work in this world by Himself without any help from people.
- 1.3 \_\_\_\_\_ The Apostle Paul says that the work we do is the foundation upon which believers must build their lives.
- 1.4 \_\_\_\_\_ Believers are those who have faith in God.
- 1.5 \_\_\_\_\_ God loved and blessed Abraham and David, and as they lived for Him, He formed their lives, and others knew God through their *characters*, deeds, and attitudes.



**Answer these questions.**

- 1.6 What does it mean to be a believer in God? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 1.7 What is faith? (Hint: See *Hebrews 11:1*) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Abraham, Man of Faith

Abraham (whose name was *Abram* before God changed it to *Abraham*) is known for his faith. Jews, **Muslims**, and Christians honor him as a “Father in Faith.” The Jews honor him as the Father of the Hebrew nation. The Muslims honor him as their **ancestor** through his son, Ishmael, who was born to Abraham and Hagar, his wife Sarah’s handmaid. As Christians, we honor and remember him for his faith in God and as an ancestor of Jesus Christ (*Matthew* 1:1-2).

God honored him as a great man. In fact, God called Abraham His “friend.” God told the nation of Israel that they were “the seed of Abraham, my friend” (*Isaiah* 41:8; *2 Chronicles* 20:7). In the New Testament, the Bible calls him “the Friend of God” (*James* 2:23).

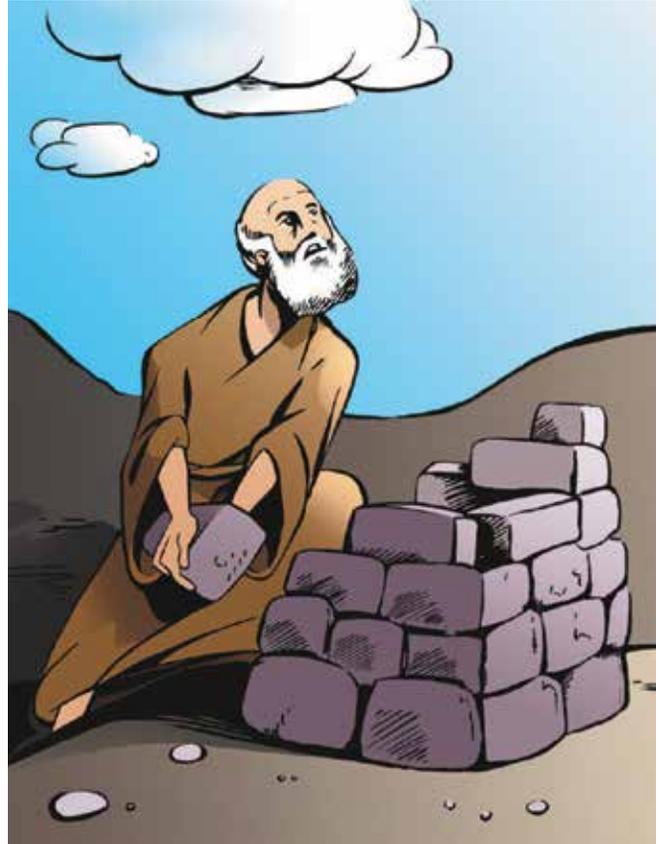
**Abraham’s call.** When Abraham was seventy-five years old, God told him to leave his native land and to go to a land that He would show him. God told him that, if he went, his name would become famous, and he would be a blessing to the whole world. He believed God would do what He promised. He placed his faith in God and obeyed Him. He left the place of his birth with his wife and nephew and all that they owned and journeyed to the land of Canaan.

When Abraham arrived in Canaan, he found the land inhabited by powerful and wicked nations. God told him that He would give this land to Abraham and his **descendants**, although he was a stranger in Canaan. Instead of leaving Canaan, he believed God, built Him an altar, offered sacrifices, and worshiped Him there.

One of the places where Abraham built an altar was called *Bethel* (*Genesis* 12:8) which means *house of God*. He was a man who listened to God and obeyed Him. God showed that Abraham was a man who lived for Him through his faith and his works. God used him to fulfill His purpose in His Kingdom for all people on the earth. As God changed Abraham’s character, he lived for Him, and he became a fellow-laborer in God’s Kingdom.



Read *Genesis* chapters 12–13, 15–16, 22, and also *Hebrews* 11:8–10



| Abraham built altars to the Lord and called on his name.

Soon, a **famine** came to the land of Canaan, and Abraham took his family to Egypt to provide for them there during that hard time. Unfortunately, to protect his own life, Abraham lied about his wife, Sarah, and Pharaoh told him to leave Egypt (*Genesis* 12:11–20). Although God was also displeased with his lying to Pharaoh and his lack of faith, He still protected Abraham and his family while they were in Egypt. In Egypt, God blessed Abraham and his family with cattle, silver, and gold.

When Abraham returned to Canaan, the first place that he visited was Bethel, “the house of God” (*Genesis* 13:4). He worshiped the Lord there and thanked Him for the great blessings that he had received while he was in Egypt. He was very happy to be back in the Promised Land. God wanted him to live in Canaan. Abraham wanted to obey God and remain faithful to Him.



**Answer these questions.**

- 1.8** What are three groups of people who honor Abraham as a “Father in Faith?”
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.9** What special name did God have for Abraham? \_\_\_\_\_



**Complete these sentences.**

- 1.10** God told Abraham to leave his home country and to go to an unknown country when Abraham was \_\_\_\_\_ years old.
- 1.11** Abraham took his family and everything he owned to Canaan, and God made his name \_\_\_\_\_
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ and a b. \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.12** When Abraham got to Canaan, he found the land inhabited by \_\_\_\_\_
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ and b. \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.13** Abraham honored and worshiped God by building a(n) \_\_\_\_\_
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ , offering b. \_\_\_\_\_ , and calling on c. \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.14** Abraham became a \_\_\_\_\_ with God as he lived for God.

## SELF TEST 1

**Match these items** (each item, 3 points).

- |       |       |                 |    |   |
|-------|-------|-----------------|----|---|
| 1.01  | _____ | believer in God | a. | known for his strong faith                        |
| 1.02  | _____ | co-laborer      | b. | Abraham's nephew                                  |
| 1.03  | _____ | Abraham         | c. | friend of David                                   |
| 1.04  | _____ | Bethel          | d. | Lot's wife  |
| 1.05  | _____ | Sarah           | e. | father of David                                   |
| 1.06  | _____ | Lot             | f. | has faith in God and trusts, loves, and obeys Him |
| 1.07  | _____ | Canaan          | g. | to work with God                                  |
| 1.08  | _____ | Philistine      | h. | "the Lord's Anointed"                             |
| 1.09  | _____ | Jonathan        | i. | house of God                                      |
| 1.010 | _____ | Saul            | j. | Isaac's mother                                    |
|       |       |                 | k. | enemy of Israel                                   |
|       |       |                 | l. | land promised to Abraham                          |

**Answer true or false** (each answer, 2 points).

- 1.011 \_\_\_\_\_ The Apostle Paul wrote that believers are laborers together with God.
- 1.012 \_\_\_\_\_ The Scriptures say that those who lived in Old Testament times were pleasing to God because of their faith in Him.
- 1.013 \_\_\_\_\_ The characters of Abraham and David were formed by their deeds and attitudes.
- 1.014 \_\_\_\_\_ When Abraham was a young man of about twenty-five years of age, God told him to go to Canaan.
- 1.015 \_\_\_\_\_ While Abraham was in Egypt, he lost his wealth and became poor.
- 1.016 \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham showed that he was generous and unselfish when he gave Lot first choice of land.
- 1.017 \_\_\_\_\_ The Bible says that Abraham was righteous before God because of all his good deeds.

- 1.018** \_\_\_\_\_ David was born in Jerusalem.
- 1.019** \_\_\_\_\_ David was “a man after God’s own heart.”
- 1.020** \_\_\_\_\_ Among other things, David was a shepherd, musician, and military leader.

**Choose the correct answer** (each answer, 3 points).

- 1.021** Abraham went down to Egypt because there was \_\_\_\_\_ in Canaan.  
a. a flood                                      b. a famine                                      c. an earthquake
- 1.022** God promised Abraham that his \_\_\_\_\_ would be numerous.  
a. cattle                                      b. friends                                      c. descendants
- 1.023** David killed the Philistine giant, Goliath, with \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. a spear                                      b. a sling and stone                                      c. his hands
- 1.024** When King Saul was killed in battle, David \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. rejoiced in victory                      b. mourned him                                      c. left the country
- 1.025** We can tell something about David’s heart by \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. reading his words                      b. assuming he was happy                      c. asking God to tell us

**Complete these sentences by writing the correct word** (each answer, 3 points).

- 1.026** The apostle Paul says that \_\_\_\_\_ is the foundation upon which believers must build their lives.
- 1.027** God told Abraham to take his son Isaac to a mountain and offer him as a \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 1.028** God promised Abraham that he would be a \_\_\_\_\_ to the whole world.
- 1.029** Abraham shows us that a life of \_\_\_\_\_ will be a blessed and fruitful life.
- 1.030** Turning back to the Lord after sinning is called \_\_\_\_\_ .

Answer these questions (each answer, 5 points).

1.031 What is faith? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1.032 What three groups of people honor Abraham and why?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1.033 What are some qualities of David's heart as the Scriptures reveal them?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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1.034 What was Abraham's greatest test of obedience to God? Explain.  
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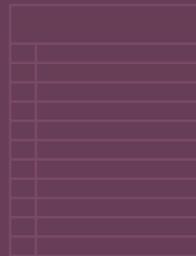
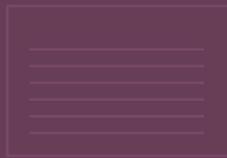
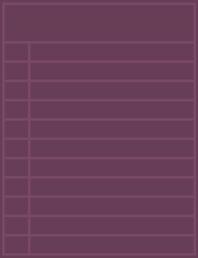
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