

## *Abraham's City of Faith*

**Introduction:** Abraham came to God by faith but his faith was not complete. Abraham had to go through seasons of faith-testing before he would reach faith-maturity. **James 1:1-4** tells us that the testing of our faith is essential to the maturing-process of that faith. As people of faith, we are to embrace the testing of our faith because our goal should be to reach faith-maturity. **Hebrews 11:8** says that Abraham was able to see a yet-unbuilt city which had as its foundation; Faith. Abraham's recognition as "the father of faith" was hard-fought and through his faith-victory we learn vital truths for building our own City of Faith;

- A great city built with Vision: **Genesis 15:1-3** "*Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.*" God must be foundational to your city. God has not given you a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind. As your shield, He is able to fend off anything that comes against you. As your reward; He is the source of all things good in your life.  
*A strong city requires a Strong Foundation.*
- A great city built on a Promise: **Genesis 15:4-5** "*This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.*" Faith-heritage must be part of your city. Family is important to God. Faith in the blood of His Son is the unifying element of His family if faith. God promised Abraham something that was impossible by human endeavor. Life from what was dead is what God did through His Son's blood.  
*Build your city on God's Promises.*
- A great city built on Faith: **Genesis 15:6** *And he believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness.* Abraham's city was established when he reached faith-maturity. The Bible says that it is impossible to please God without faith and that faith must be in His Son. Abraham's righteousness was forged through trials that brought him to an unshakable faith. There are no shortcuts. Embrace trials that you, like Abraham can reach your own faith-pinnacle.  
*Believe God and build your own Great City.*

As Christians, our relationship with God is built on faith in His Son. Jesus said that He would build His church and He is building it on your faith in Him. Like a great city rising from the wilderness, your faith is to shine like a beacon of hope... a refuge to the weary and lost traveler... a celebration of who God is. Build your own faith city on a faith-foundation. Like Abraham; learn from the trials that are certain to come. Only when your city is shaken can it be tested and only when it is tested can it be reinforced.