

# NEVER GIVE UP!

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## ABRAHAM



A man living inside a promise over 4,000 years ago.

## “Inside A Promise”

- Poses
- Populate
- Preserve
- Protect
- Perpetuate

## Abraham Arrives In The Land Of Promise

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### Genesis 12:1-7

“So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. 5 He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

6 Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.”

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Hey God, You didn't tell me about those pesky Canaanites!



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## ABRAHAM IS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF BY LOT

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**Genesis 13:14-18**

“The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, ‘Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring for ever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.’ So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the Lord.”

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“Hey God, How come I got the short-end of the stick?”



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**ABRAHAM LOSES HIS MIND!**

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**Genesis 13:1-4**

“So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negev. Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. And he journeyed on from the Negev as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the Lord.”

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“Oh God, You keep your promises...even when I forget my way.”



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- Unexpected surprises and setbacks when it seems like you have done the best you can?
- Taken advantage of by someone you trusted?
- Found your self compromising your own integrity in an attempt to protect yourself?

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## LESSONS

- We tend to consider quitting when we forget God's promises.
- We need to build and revisit “altars” when disappointment and discouragement begins.

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**DETERMINATION  
is faith in action.**

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**ACTION**

- Have you built any altars?
- Do they need to be re-built?

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