

Abraham: The Friend of God

Scripture Reading: *Romans 4:1-8*

- A. If you could have any phrase etched into your tombstone, what would you choose?
- B. Few phrases could be compared to “**He/She Was a _____ of _____.**”

I. A _____ Title

- A. Three instances (*2 Chronicles 20:5-7; Isaiah 41:8; James 2:23*).
 - B. Assigned to just one Biblical character. The question is, “**Why Abraham?**”
 - C. A brief look at his remarkable life reveals the answer.
1. He was _____ to God (*Genesis 12:1-8*)
 2. He was _____ (*Genesis 22:1-14*)
 3. He was _____ (*Hebrews 11:8-10, 17-19*)
 4. He was a _____ (*Genesis 13:1-12*)
 5. He was _____ and _____ (*Genesis 18:20-33*)
- D. Even though Abraham was not a perfect man, his life epitomized every aspect of **friendliness** and **faithfulness**.

II. A _____ Title

- A. But this is not just an exercise in learning the story of someone else with no personal point.
 - B. We too have the wonderful privilege of having Christ call us His friends (*John 15:12-17*).
1. If I am going to be the “friend of God,” **I** must be devoted to Him.
 2. If I am going to be the “friend of God,” **I** must be obedient to Him.
 3. If I am going to be the “friend of God,” **I** must be faithful to Him.
 4. If I am going to be the “friend of God,” **I** must be a peacemaker.
 5. If I am going to be the “friend of God,” **I** must be prayerful.
 6. If I am going to be the “friend of God,” **I** must be compassionate.

III. A _____ Title

- A. It identifies me with one of the greatest Old Testament heroes who ever lived.
- B. It tells me something about the personal affection that God has for me.