

## **Living with our Father**

### **Our Father & Our Faith**

**“The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” Genesis 12:1-3 NIV**

**(“Yes, Sir” ?)**

**If God the creator is real – and I believe that He is. And if He is our Father – and I believe that He is. And if we are His children – and I believe that we are. In this framework of belief - it is stirring to me – that our Father would be so insistent in His desire for His children to practice such a *trusting* and *obedient faith*. In our previous devotional text, our Father God insists that His children spread out over the face of the earth – His insistence was such that he would confuse our language and dis-unify His children.**

**In our present text, (think it through) we find Abraham and his family involved in an intimate relationship with their Father – God – who is asking Father Abraham to separate from His father and family and follow his Heavenly Father.**

**Being a father, I am beginning to relate to our Father – God, as a Father. Like my father before me, and his father before him, I believe our heavenly Father’s ultimate desire is to have an intimate relationship with His children. This Father – Child relationship, begs my Faith and my trusting obedience. To nurture such an ongoing relationship, demands and in-fact counts on - my obedient faith - in the values and the concepts of how I should daily live. I can relate to a Father doing his very best to impart such principles to his children. I can relate to the desire of a Father – for his children – to be intimately bound to His love, guidance and will.**

**A central theme of Faith – in the physical family and in the spiritual family - is Obedience. The relationship our Father God is seeking from His children on every page of His Word, from Genesis forward, is a perfect example of the relationship every physical Father should want to have with his children.**

**Beyond creation – Beyond the fall of man and the flood - A common thread is winding its way through scripture. Are you seeing it too? - A window into the heart of our Father God. Moreover - as I am beginning to see - a means by which God plans to use “all of His children” – from the seed of Father Abraham – to bring redemption and salvation to the world – through His only son, Jesus Christ. He wants an intimate relationship with you, too!**

*How is your Faith relationship with your heavenly Father?*

**Father,**

**We come to you - too often - not connected to you - as our Father and often unaware of the relationship that you desire to nurture within us, as your children. Help us to become - more and more – childlike - in trusting – obedient - faith. Help us to see you Father – through the window of your Word – in the creation of your world – and in the face of your Son. Father, we long to know you - to know your love and your will in our daily lives. Guide us, Father. Mold us, Father. Use us, Father. Protect us, Father. Hold us in your loving arms.**

**Through Jesus, your Son and our Savior, Amen**