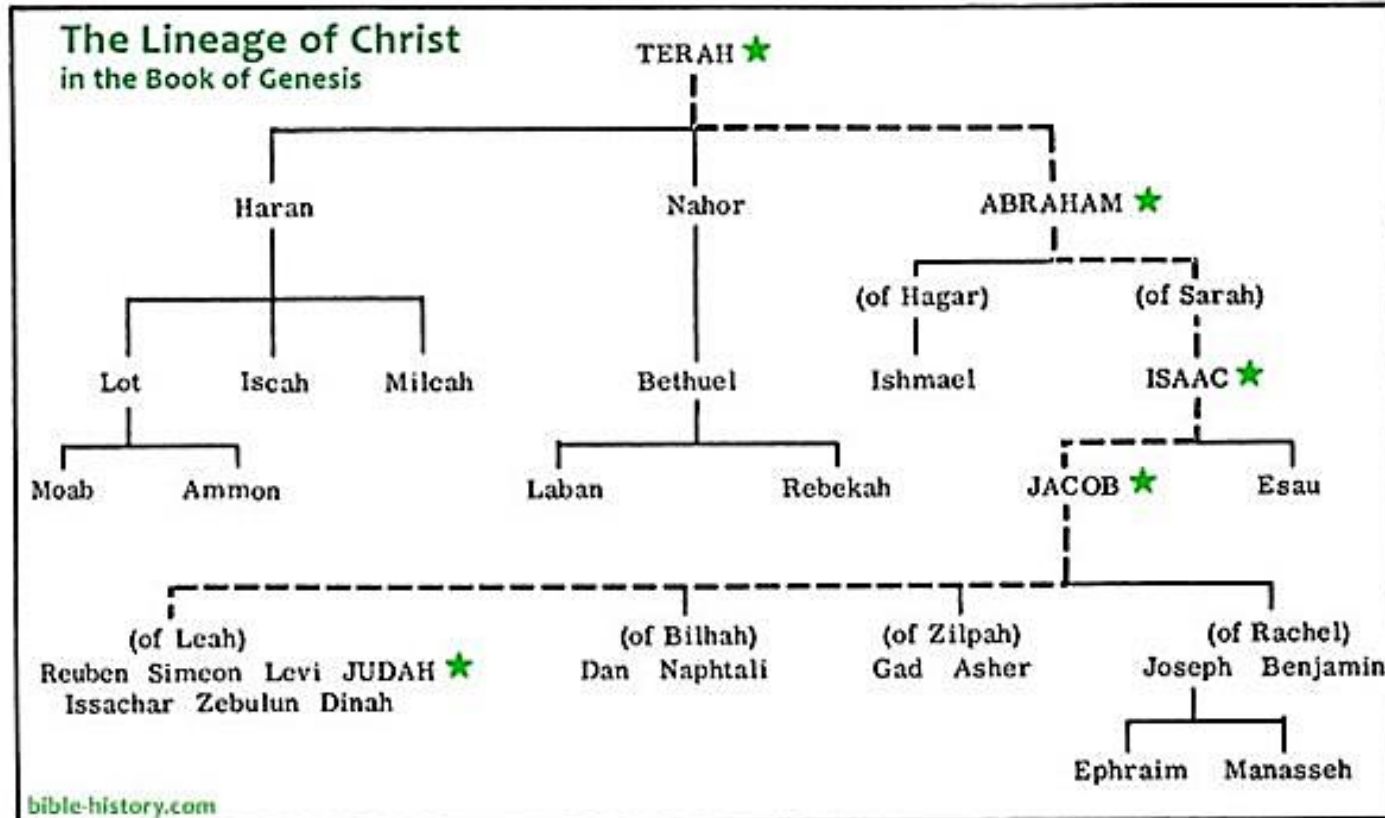
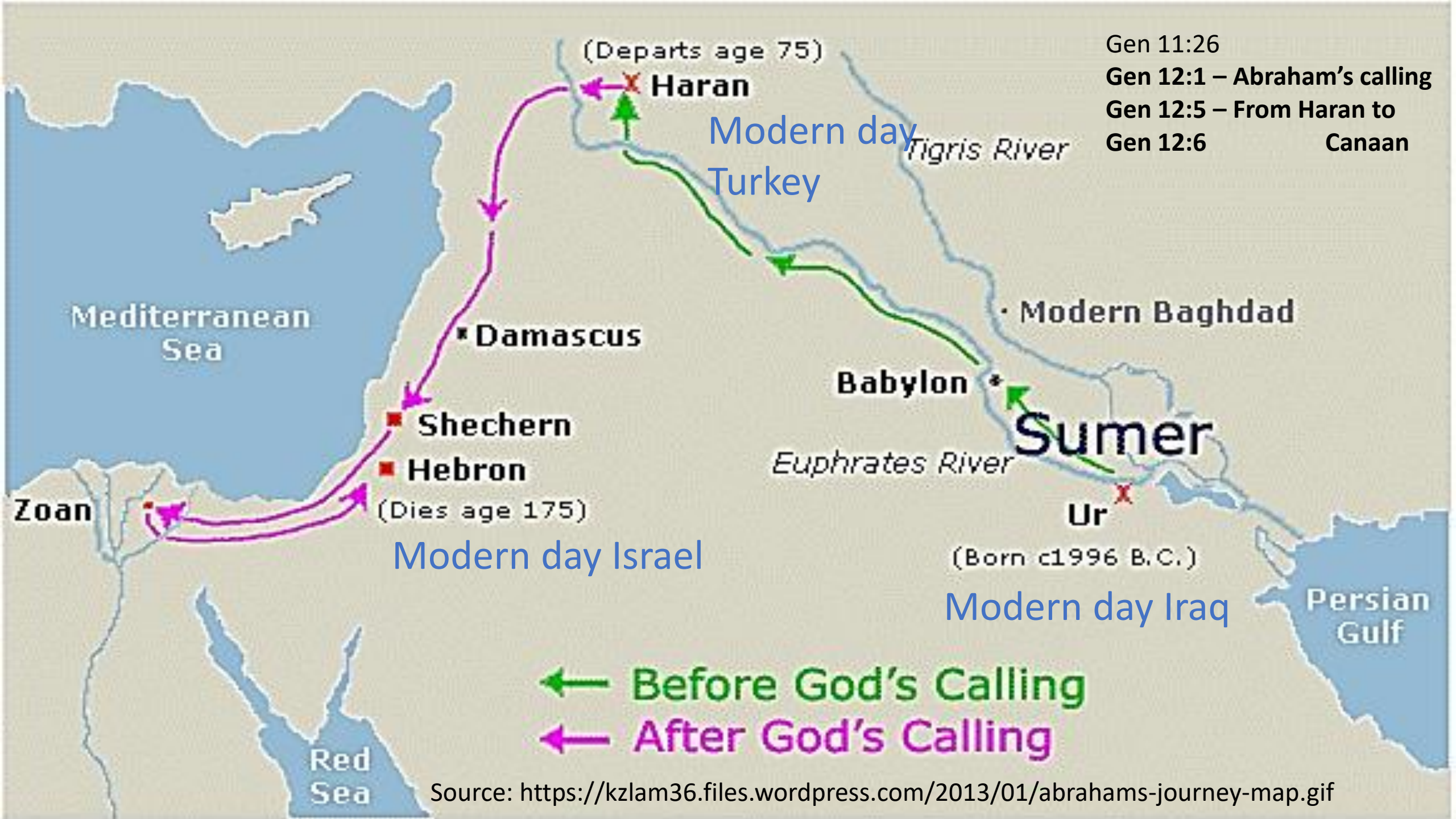


# Spiritual Lessons from the Life of Abraham

- (1) Abraham was a native of Ur (in modern day Iraq) in Mesopotamia.
- (2) Born c1996 BC. Died c1815 BC.



Source: <https://www.myolivetree.com/the-family-tree-of-the-bible-from-abraham-to-jesus-to-you/>



Gen 11:26  
Gen 12:1 – Abraham's calling  
Gen 12:5 – From Haran to Canaan  
Gen 12:6

Modern day Turkey

Modern day Israel

Modern day Iraq

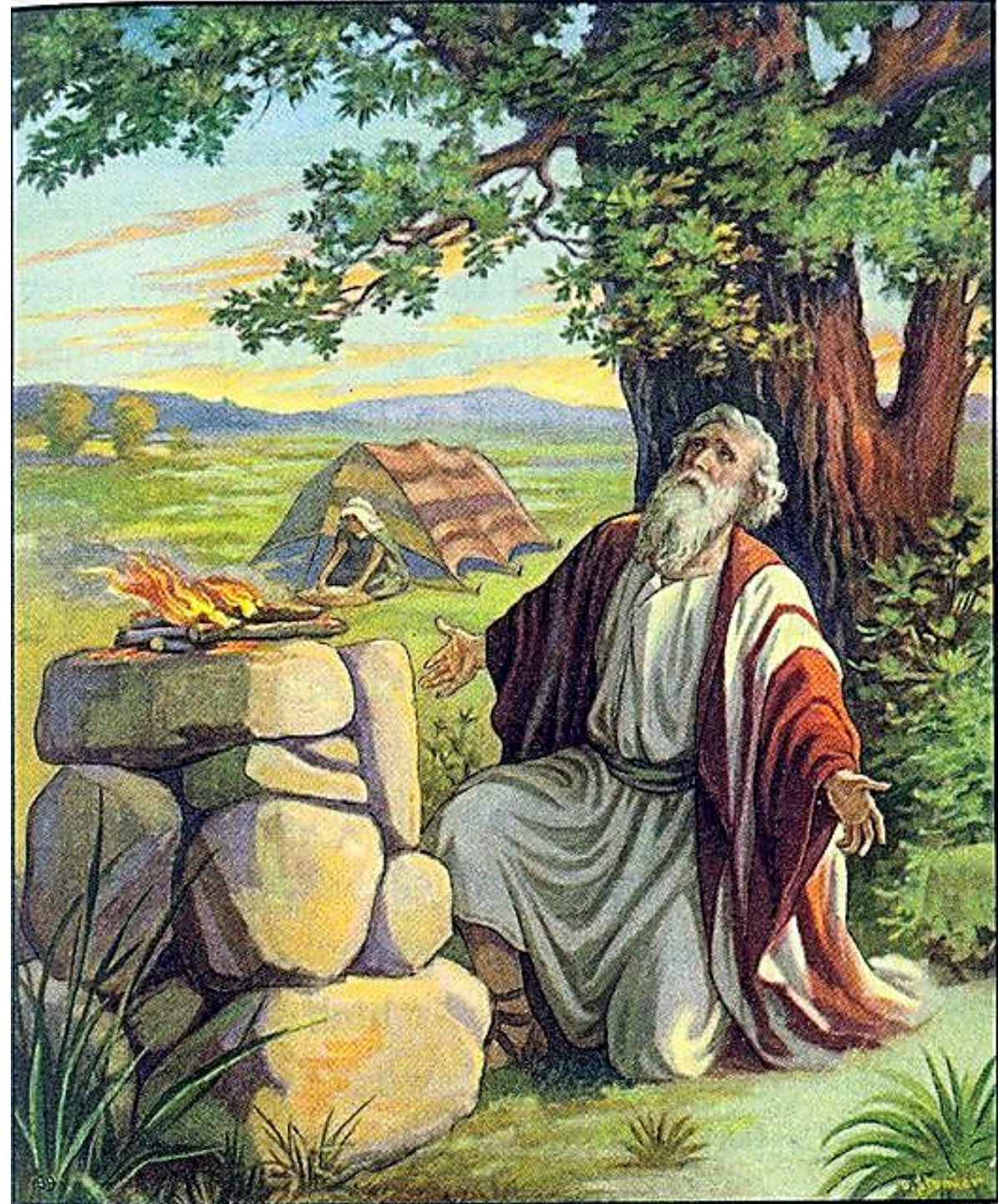
← Before God's Calling  
← After God's Calling

(3) Terah had 3 sons - Abram, Nahor, Haran (Gen 11:26)

(4) Terah, Abram, Lot and Sarai went to Haran (Gen 11:31)

**(5) Abraham's calling (Gen 12:1)**

- Abraham heeded the calling
- How do we know God's will for us in our life?

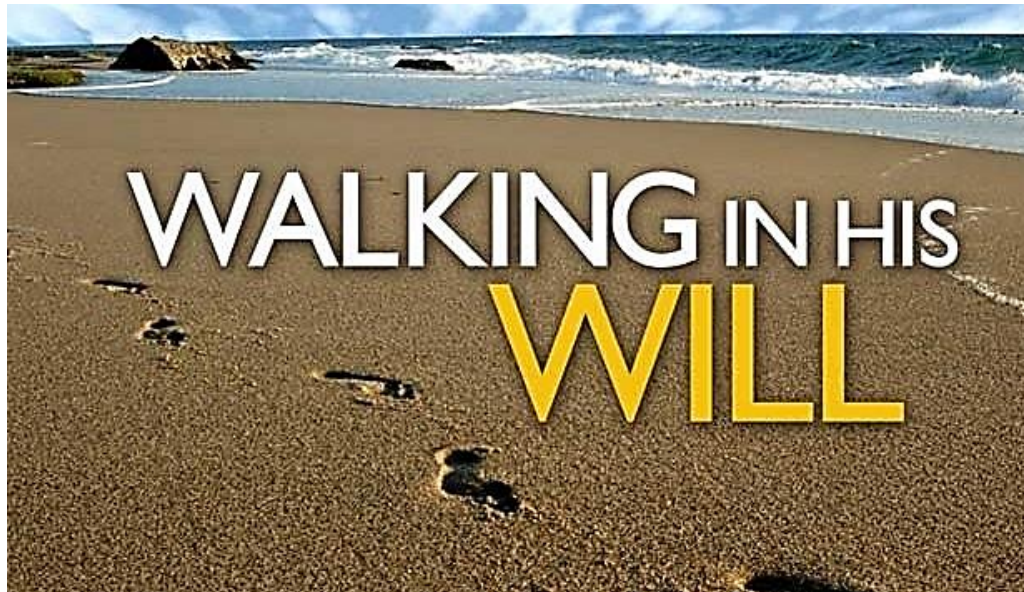


## **(6) Abraham departed Haran for Canaan (Gen12:5)(video29:51 –35:33)**

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- Sadness of leaving members of the family in Haran
- Journeying on foot
- Exposed to weather and hardship of travelling
- Travelled a distance of about 640km (twice the distance from SG to KL) from Haran to Shechem ( a few months journey on foot)

- **Questions:**
  - If it was God's calling to go to the Promised Land, why did God not provide instant transportation to Canaan?
  - Even though it was God's calling for them to go to Canaan, they would have to go through the usual trials of travelling and circumstances in life.
- **Application:**
  - Even if we are living in God's will, we will encounter trials in our lives.



Source:  
<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/doing-gods-keeps-us-different-realm-peace-joy-monickaraj-arul>

**(7) The Canaanites were in the land. (Gen 12:6)**

(8) The Lord appeared to Abraham and encouraged Abraham. (Gen 12:7)

**(9) There were hostility and famine in Canaan. (Gen 12:10)(video43:30 – video49:16)**

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(10) Abraham went to Egypt (Gen 12:10)(video 53:04-55:06)  
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**(11) The trials of Abraham:**

- The difficult journey from Haran to Canaan
- Meeting hostile Canaanites in Canaan
- Famine in Canaan
- Difficult journey from Canaan to Egypt

## Application:

- As Christians, we heed God's will, but there will be trials.
- God doesn't give us a life of absolute bliss.
- In the midst of trials, God is there to guide and protect us.

## Reflection:

- Are there trials which you are facing?
- Are you in a situation of trial within God's will or outside God's will?
- How to be faithful to God despite the trials?

Source: <https://askgramps.org/trials-others/>

