

Lesson 1: Taking the Step of Faith

Genesis 11:27 – 12:9

- g. What have you learned so far about Abram that helps you see him as a future “friend of God?”

- h. What key ingredient in friendship is called into question in II Samuel 16:17 and Psalm 41:9?

- i. How would you rank the quality of loyalty in a relationship? Is there anything you would rank higher?

- j. What characteristic of a friend is found in Proverbs 17:17?

- k. How would you explain the meaning of Proverbs 18:24b?

- l. Take these verses – Proverbs 18:24b; John 15:14-15; Luke 14:26 - and record your reflections on what they reveal:

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- m. What kind of friend was Peter to Jesus? (Matthew 26:69-75)

- n. How much better of a friend did he soon become? (Acts 5:29)

- o. What makes it possible for someone to have a friend who would stick closer than a brother? Do you have a friend like that? What is the key ingredient in your relationship?

- p. In light of your new understanding of what “friendship” in Scripture means, explain James 4:4:

2. Read Hebrews 11:1, 6.

- a. How does verse 1 define faith?

- b. Explain the meaning of verse 1 in your own words:

- c. Why is it impossible to please God without faith? (verse 6)

