The Faith of Our Father Abraham
Rom. 4:12

Introduction:
A. Abraham was great in God’s scheme of things.
B. Abraham sometimes called “the father of the faithful.”
C. Greatness of Abrahams faith seen in several events:

Discussion:
I. When He Left Home (Gen. 12:1-4; Acts 7:2-4; Heb. 11:8).
A. Did have to know all before beginning.
B. Recognized his and business and God’s business.
   1. Secret things belong to God - revealed to us (Duet. 29:29)
   2. Need to mind our own business (John 21:21-22)
II. When He Settled With Lot (Gen. 13:5-13).
A. Peace more important than temporal advantage.
B. Eternal values more important than temporal advantage.
C. Peace & edification is more important than piece of meat (Rom. 14:17).
III. When He Was Promised a Son (Gen. 15:1-6; 16-18; Rom. 4:16-25).
A. Could not depend on own strength (Rom. 4:21; cf. Gideon).
B. Gave God the glory (Rom. 4:20; cf. 1 Cor. 1:27-31).
IV. When He Plead for Sodom (Gen. 18:23-33).
B. His concern of others.
V. When He offered Isaac (Gen. 22:1-19).
A. Had to overcome personal emotions.
B. Had to overcome a seeming contradiction (cf. Heb. 11:17-19).

Conclusion:
A. Abraham was not perfect – great men have weaknesses.
   1. Laughed at God (Gen. 17:17).
   2. Lied about Sarah.
B. Abraham was great example of faith – faith overcomes weakness.