

Gen. 11:31-12:8;
15:1-6
17:15-19

God's Unfolding Plan
Part Three: Believe Me

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1. To establish a relationship with Abraham, God took the first step – Genesis 11:31–12:1

- Without God's initiative we would never seek Him.
Psalm 14:1-3; Psalm 10:4
- Abraham's father may have hindered Abraham's obedience.

2. The scope of God's plan for Abraham went far beyond Abraham – Genesis 12:2-3

- God did promise great things for Abraham.
- However, God blessed Abraham so He could bless the world.

3. Abraham obeyed what God told him to do – Genesis 12:4–9

- Even though he knew few details, he obeyed God because he trusted Him – Hebrews 11:8-10
- After he obeyed, God revealed more to him.

4. Because he believed God, Abraham was declared righteous by God – Genesis 15:1-6

- Like Abraham, we all have a problem that excludes us from Heaven – unrighteousness – 1 Corinthians 6:9
- Righteousness can't be earned, it can only be declared – Romans 4:1-5, 18-25

5. The focus of the story is not Abraham's great faith, but God's great grace – Genesis 17:15-19