WINDSOR VILLAGE
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Four (4) Faith Forming Questions

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I. INTRODUCTION

Abraham was a leader's leader. He was one of the world's most unique leaders of all time. Some argue Abraham was the greatest leader of all time. Consider: Abraham never fired a shot; led an army; built an empire; ran for office; uttered a prophecy; led a revolution; etc. Yet, the members of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities view Abraham as their ancestral father. To this day, over one - half of the world's population recognized Abraham as their ancestral father. That's a leader!

As we peek at Abraham's life today, we will note four unique attributes about Abraham. These attributes will feed your inner man, your soul and spirit, in a very unique way. We will introduce these attributes by asking questions. I chose to use a question format or strategy so you can reflect on your answers thoughtfully.

Here are the questions:

II. DO YOU HAVE A "NOAH FAITH" OR AN "ABRAHAM FAITH" GENESIS18:23-25 GENESIS 7:5, 9

A. Which type of faith would you prefer to have?

B. Which one do you think pleases The Lord more?

C. What are the pros and cons of these two (2) expressions of faith?

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III. DO YOU MAKE THE LORD'S PROMISE(S) A FALSEHOOD? GENESIS 13:17, 12:2, 13:6, 17:5

A. The Lord's promises are yes and Amen. 2 Corinthians 1:20.

B. The Lord can promise you something but if you don't receive it or work it, you will lose it.

C. Abraham actualized The Lord's promises to him by taking action. Faith without works is dead!

D. What blessings have you missed because you did not actualize them or worked toward them?

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IV. DOES YOUR FAITH CHALLENGE OR ACCEPT THE WORLD'S DYNAMICS? HEBREWS 11:1

A. If what you hope for contradicts what you accept, why do you accept it?

B. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much courage does your faith manifests?

C. Why does your faith not include challenging the ungodly stuff in “your world?”

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V. DO YOU TAKE THE LORD’S TEMPORARY NOs AS HIS PERMANENT NOs?
GENESIS 18:22-33; 23:1,2; 25:2

A. Why do you take The Lord’s temporary no’s as His permanent no’s?

B. How can you make that adjustment?

C. Why do you think Abraham refused to take The Lord’s temporary no?

D. What can you learn from Abraham about The Lord’s answers, if anything?

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Excerpts from Lessons in Leadership by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks