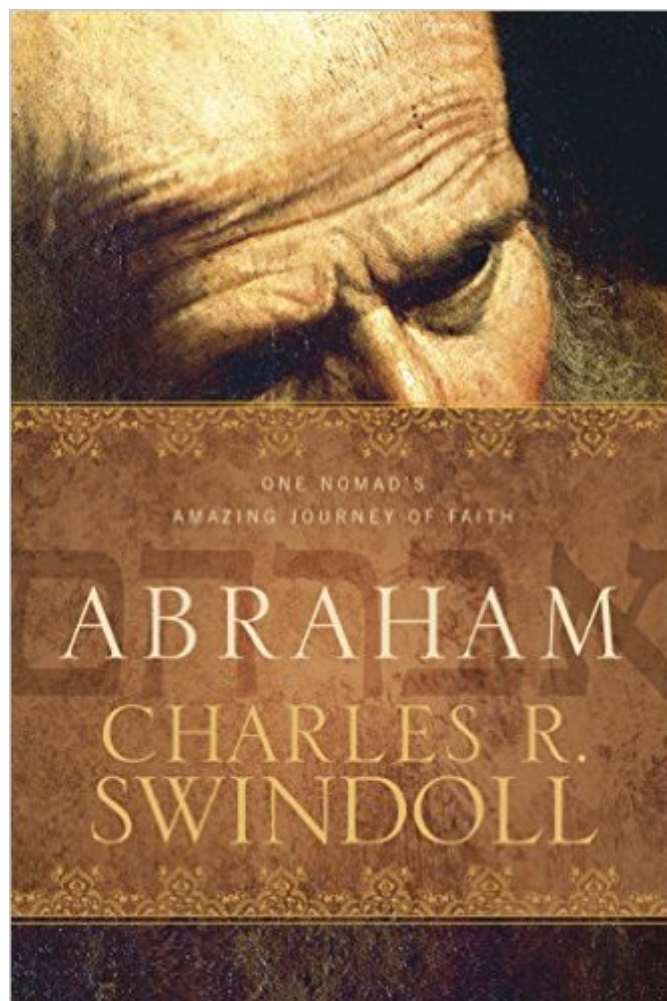


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# Abraham: One Nomad's Amazing Journey Of Faith



## Synopsis

When we rewind history back to Abraham's era, we encounter people who concocted false superstitions to explain the unexplainable. Powerful kings claimed to be gods, building massive pyramids to achieve immortality. Out of this mass of misunderstandings, one man emerged. The man we know today as Abraham not only claimed that one true Creator existed but also staked his entire life on this belief. Why, thousands of years later, are we still discussing the faith of this desert nomad? One of America's most popular Bible teachers Pastor Chuck Swindoll answers that question and many more in this compelling and insightful biography that will inspire your own faith.

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## Customer Reviews

This is the most in depth book I've ever read about the life of Abraham. We can read through his story in the Bible and understand the change of his name from Abram to Abraham. We can think about how strange it might be to hear that your descendants will be as numerous as the stars in the sky when your wife is well past child-bearing years and you have no children. We can even draw on our own experiences of stepping out in faith and imagine how Abram might have felt in following God's will. However, what Swindoll does so well in this book is to bring all of those events alive for readers. When reading this book, readers get a clearer picture of the culture that Abram lived in and why his packing up and leaving his land was such a leap of faith. I loved the way that Swindoll described what that experience might look like for us. I really enjoy books that make the people and stories in the Bible more alive for me and this book definitely does that. I also really enjoyed the

chapter on prayer and Swindoll's discussion about unconfessed sin and how it might impact your prayer life. The only criticism I would have about the book is the cover. I read this book as part of the Tyndale Summer Reading program and saw only the thumbnail image of the cover on the reading list and on Net Galley. I did not see the subtitle and did not get a clear look at the picture on the cover. I make it a habit of not reading descriptions of books because I find that the descriptions sometimes give away too much of the book. With all that said, I started reading this book under the mistaken assumption that it was about Abraham Lincoln! For some reason, the thumbnail of the cover looked like Lincoln to me and I was all geared up to learn about the faith of Abraham Lincoln.

"Abraham" is a book about the nomad Abraham's life from the Bible. From his journey to another place he wasn't familiar with, his relationship with his wife Sarah, his sons, and most importantly his relationship with G-d, the surface of the Biblical account of Abraham is cracked and a deep surface is revealed. It is shown through this book that Abraham was tested a lot to see if his faith in G-d was operating, and just how strong it was. Abraham came from a different and often immoral lifestyle that was so different than the way the new foreigners around him were living. It uncovers how G-d spent time working in his heart to be more faithful. "Abraham" went deep into the story of Abraham for me, and showed me that G-d will work with us until we get his will for our lives right, as long as we are willing to try again, or keep moving. Many times I thought that G-d was highlighting things he wanted me to see as important, and telling me to reread some of them by the author prompting that. One thing I thought could be discouraging to some people in the book (and the only thing that I had a hard time with in the book) is when it was explained that people who don't have wonderful families are not going to end up as good marriage partners in their lives. The author explained he has seen wonderfully healthy people come from terrible families, but they are rare (page 231). I do not believe that to always be true, especially if people are really grounded in Jesus (Yeshua) and working very hard to live a G-dly lifestyle. This book was an encouragement for me to stay faithful to G-d when tests are being put in my life, and to try again when I fail a faith test.

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