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ABRAHAM'S
FAITH
FRIEND OF GOD

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Friendship with God

Genesis 18:16-33

Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way.

Genesis 18:16

I. Walking with God in Friendship

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Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

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* They ate together
* They conversed together
* They walked together

and said, “O Lord, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. Did you not, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend?

2 Chronicles 20:6-7

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Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” John 14:23

The Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham **what I am about to do**…

Genesis 18:17

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b. Friendship brings special knowledge

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:15

“When you are in fellowship with God, God speaks to you about things he doesn’t talk with other people about.”
David Jeremiah

Fellowship with God brings special knowledge to His will

“God uses the word of God often to impress your heart in ways that you would never be impressed otherwise”
David Jeremiah

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c. Friendship brings special instruction

seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him."

Genesis 18:18-19

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    *Instruction about nations
    *Instruction about family

Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

Genesis 18:20-21

And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.
Genesis 4:10

F.B. Meyer—Every sin has its own cry

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*Instruction about family

*Instruction about sin

II. Appealing to God as our Friend

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?

Genesis 18:22-23

II. Appealing to God as our Friend

a. We can stand before our friend on behalf of others

Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”

Genesis 18:24-25

And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”
Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.

Genesis 18:26-27

Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.”

Genesis 18:28

Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.”

Genesis 18:29-30

He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

Genesis 18:31-32

II. Appealing to God as our Friend

a. We can stand before our friend on behalf of others
b. Many appeals to God are effective

And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

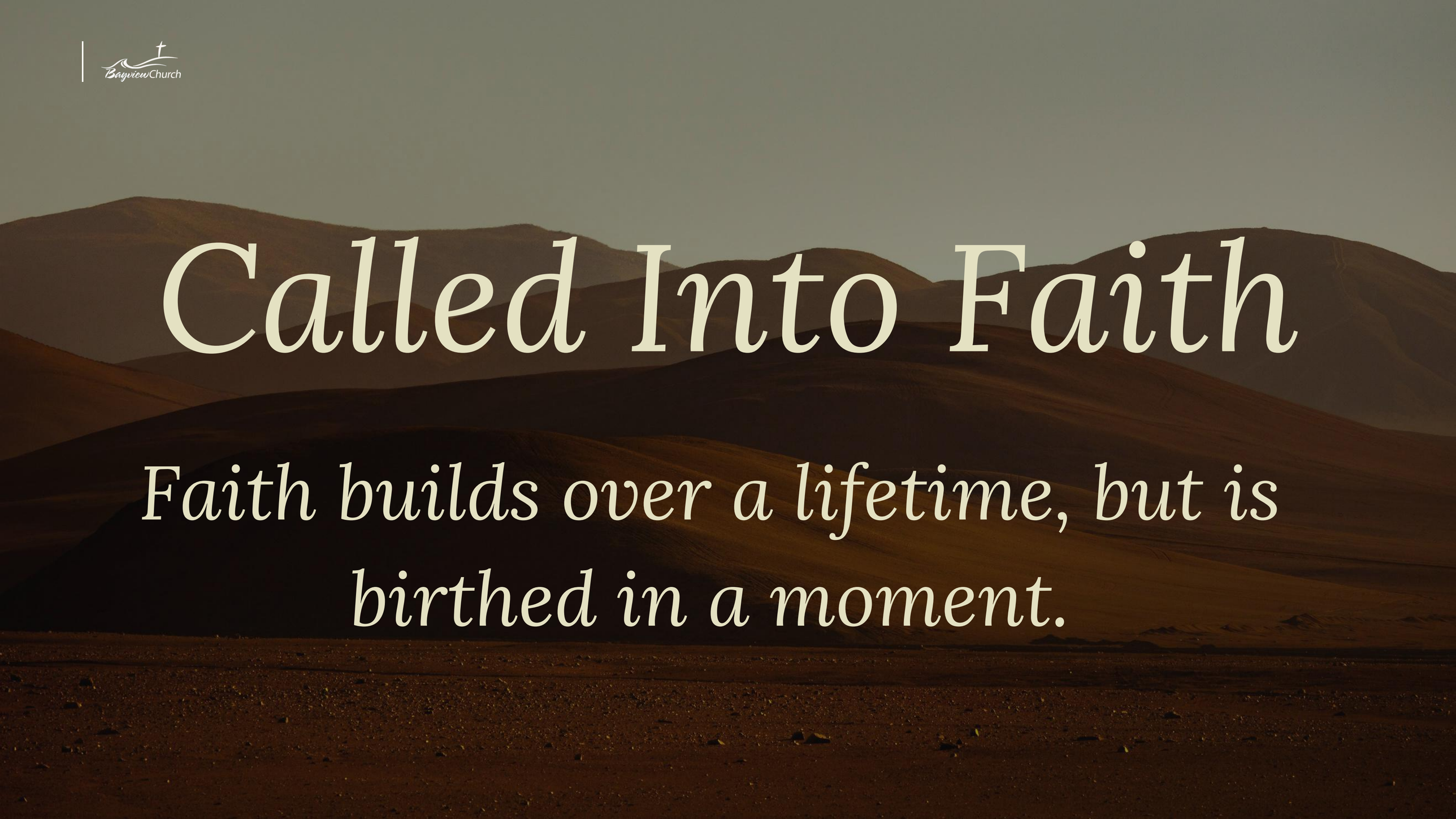
Genesis 18:33

II. Appealing to God as our Friend

a. We can stand before our friend on behalf of others
b. Many appeals to God are effective
c. Sometimes we are not BOLD enough

So it was that, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had lived.

Genesis 19:29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Faith builds over a lifetime, but is birthed in a moment.