



It's All About the People

God has given us great illustrations of faithfulness, couched in the character and personalities of men. For instance, have you ever considered:

The faithfulness of Abraham? Abraham left Ur of the Chaldees of his own free will, choosing deliberately to go out, "not knowing whither he went." Think about that. You want to talk about faith? "By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country," (Heb. 11:9), "for he looked for a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God" (11:10). He saw, by the eye of faith, something better. Do you reckon we would have the courage to do as he did? Abraham's faith is a model for us today. God treats our willingness to obey in the same way He did that of Abraham.

The virtue of Joseph? Joseph had all kinds of difficulties handed to him—difficulties he had done nothing to deserve. He was sold into slavery by his own brothers. He was thrown into prison for no crime, for an accusation by Potiphar's wife (Gen. 39). One thing impresses me about his virtue. When he was with Potiphar's wife, he hadn't taken off his cloak; he never intended to stay. And when she sought to seduce him, his question was, "how then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" (39:9). He was rejected and forgotten by those whom he befriended, yet he never lost that virtue, nor did he ever become bitter at the allotments of life. In fact, when he could have gotten revenge against his brothers for selling him into slavery, he said, "Now be not grieved nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life" (Gen. 45:5). His faithfulness remained intact, no matter the circumstances. Joseph—an excellent example of moral excellence. *Continued on page 3*

