

# The Stories in History #8 — Fatal Shortcuts—

## Study

### Abraham took a shortcut

- Genesis 12:1-4
  - Genesis 15:1-6
- Genesis 16:1-16
  - Genesis 21:1-21
- What was the promise that God gave to Abraham?
  - How was he going to achieve it?
- How did he take a shortcut?
  - What caused him to take a shortcut?

### We take shortcuts

- God puts us on many paths
  - God calls us, assigns tasks and gives us promises
  - What are some paths, tasks and promises that you have received from God?
- It is hard to stay in that path
  - Why is it hard for us to persevere?
- We take shortcuts
  - What are some of the shortcuts you have taken?

### How do we avoid shortcuts?

- Hebrews 6:9-20
- How do we avoid shortcuts?

## **Application: Continue on the path**

- Obey God
  - Be faithful on what He has asked of you
- Don't take the short detour

## **Non-Christian: Enter into the Path.**

- Outside of Christ
  - Your whole life taking a short detour
  - Being your own boss
  - You seek your own path
- You can receive what the obedience of Christ brought to you
  - It is already done and bought
- Surrender to Jesus and decide to follow Him
  - Through repentance and baptism
  - Accepting Him as your Lord and Savior
- Enter in the path that your Creator has for you
  - In the life of blessings

## **Christian: Continue in the path that God has put you on**

- Obey and continue faithfully
- What are the things that God has asked you to do?
  - What are the projects that God has giving you to do?
  - Who are the people God has put in your life?
    - So that you Guide them to Him
  - Do a List
- In your life, where and in what are you taking the shortcut?
  - Repent and come back to the path to God
- In what are of your life is it hard for you to wait and obey God?
  - Follow faithfully like Jesus
  - Believe more in your Father than in how things look or how impossible it may be.