

GLENKIRK WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

FERVENT  
*Pray like Abraham*  
IN PRAYER

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SPIRITUAL FORMATION

My heart is for each person to know Jesus as Savior and Lord. I love to walk with people to develop an intimate relationship with the Lord and become empowered by the Holy Spirit.

FERVENT IN PRAYER

My daily communion with the Lord, an ongoing conversation. "Pray without ceasing."



# FERVENT IN PRAYER

Fervent:

having or displaying a passionate intensity.

Prayer:

conversation with the living God consisting of praising, confessing, thanking, and asking



# ABRAHAM

## WHO

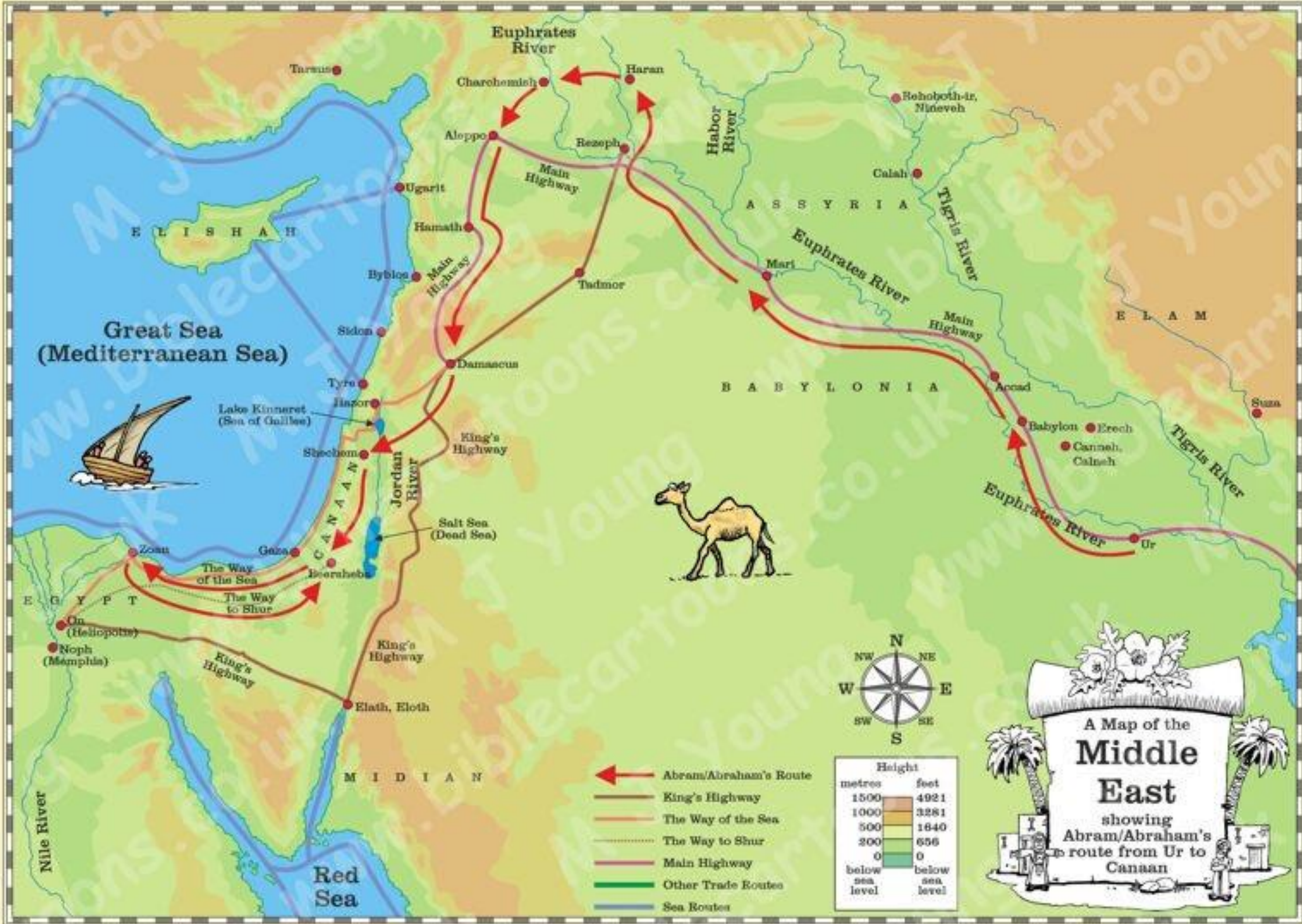
- First Known as Abram
- Father of Many Nations
- Considered Father of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity
- Genesis 12-22
- Wife is Sarai (later Sarah)
- Father of Isaac
- Travels with Lot, nephew

## WHERE

- Left the known land of Ur (Mesopotamia) and traveled to the unknown land of Canaan
- About 641 miles
- Glenkirk Church to Gallup, NM (the border of NM & AZ)
- Car: 10 hours
- Walking: 10 days (229 hrs)



# Abram's Journey from Ur to Canaan





## BIBLICAL CONTEXT

- Abram is called to a new land and he takes his nephew, Lot
- Lot settles in a land different from Abram & later Abram rescues him
- God makes a covenant with Abraham, number of stars for number of offspring
- Visitors come with the Promise of Isaac

## HOW CAN WE RELATE?

- Can you think of a situation where you can relate to Abraham? Leaving the known for the unknown
- When have you entered into unknown territory?
- Trusting God for a promise when it seems impossible
- Is there a time when you care so deeply for people because they are God's children?

# GENESIS 18:16-33

16 When the men got up to leave, they looked down toward Sodom, and Abraham walked along with them to see them on their way. 17 Then the LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? 18 Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. 19 For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.”

20 Then the LORD said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous 21 that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.”

22 The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. 23 Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

26 The LORD said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

27 Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, 28 what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?”

“If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.”

29 Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?”

He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.”

30 Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?”

He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.”

31 Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?”

He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.”

32 Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?”

He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.”

33 When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.



INTERCESSORY  
PRAYER

# PRAYER

Who needs your prayers?

St. Augustine's mother, St. Monica, prayed for her son. She tried to instill in him a faith. from a young age. But for many years, he went on a reckless journey. And finally, Augustine's life was transformed and he eventually became a doctor of the Church, and one of the most influential church fathers.

We pray for even the one...just as Abraham did.



# PRACTICE: PRAYER JOURNAL

## ENCOURAGEMENT

Leave Room for God's Answer in your Prayer Journal

## PROMISES

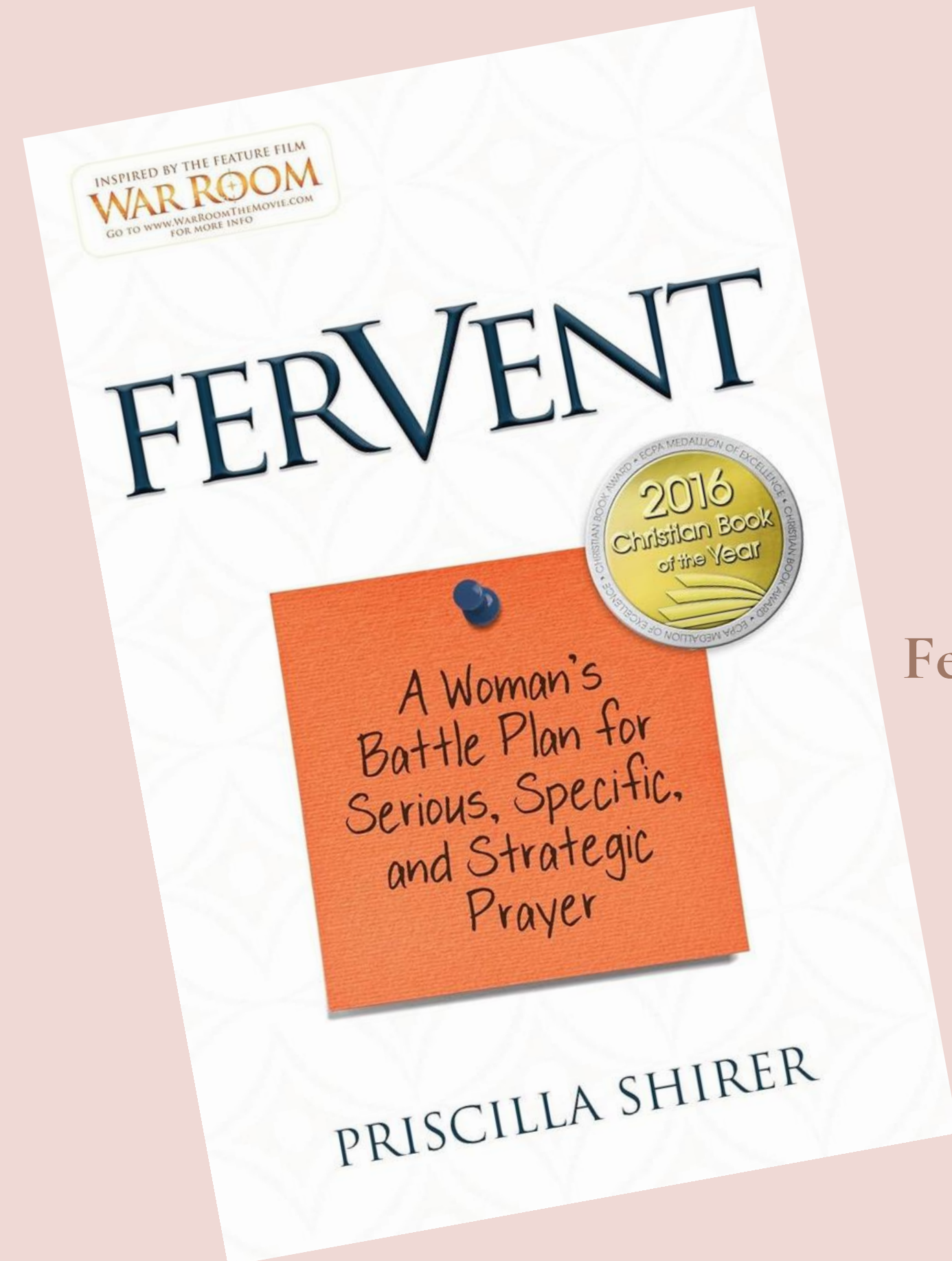
7“Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks will receive, and anyone who seeks will find, and the door will be opened to those who knock. Matthew 7:7-8

29 The Lord is far from the wicked,  
but he hears the prayer of the righteous. Proverbs 15:29

# ADDITIONAL READING

Fervent: A Woman's Battle Plan to Serious, Specific and Strategic  
Prayer  
by Priscilla Shirer

Every Moment Holy by Rabbit Room Press (3 Volumes)





## ROMANS 4:21

Lord, may we “be fully persuaded that God has the power to do what he has promised.” Please work in the lives of those who are on our hearts and minds right now. And may we never stop praying for those who need you in their lives.

Amen.