

ABRAHAM'S

FAITH

FRIEND OF GOD



Called Into Faith

Genesis 12:1-19

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- * Leave your family behind**

I. How Faith Works 12:1

“Obeying God will often put you at odds with people who are content to continue on with life as usual.”

“And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis 12:2-3

I. How Faith Works 12:1

- a. God comes to us first**
- b. To come to God we leave something behind**
- c. We are asked to trust Him for something we can't see yet**

**Great
nation**

**Great
name**

**Bless
friends**

**Curse
enemies**

For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

Hebrews 11:10

II. Our Faith Falters, God stays with us

a. Abram delays his obedience

Did Abraham “Go” when told in 12:1.

**Family is
living in
Ur of the
Chaldeans**

**Genesis
11:27-30**

**Terah
takes
family out
of Ur to go
to Canaan**

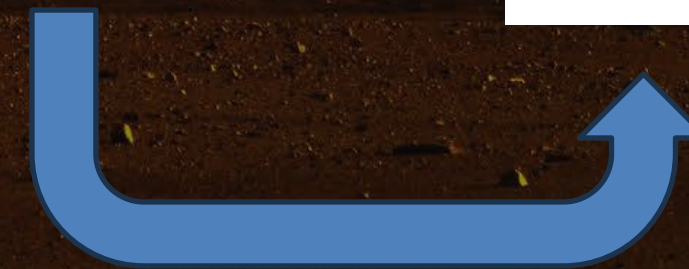
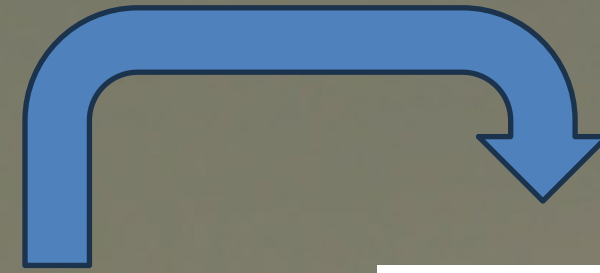
**Genesis
11:31**

**Terah
stops to
live in
Haran**

**Genesis
11:31**

**Terah dies
in Ur, then
God says
Go to
Abram**

**Genesis
11:32-12:1**



And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, **before** he lived in Haran

Acts 7:2

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Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God.² And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they **served other gods**

Joshua 24:1-2

II. Our Faith Falters, God stays with us

a. Abram delays his obedience (15 years)

*** He did not GO all the way to Canaan**

*** He did not leave his family**

*** He stayed in a land of idolatry (Haran)**

So Abram **went**, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they **set out to go to the land of Canaan.**

Genesis 12:4-5

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- a. Abram delays his obedience**
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- c. God affirms Abram in his renewed steps**

When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the **Lord appeared** to Abram and **said**, “To your offspring I will give this land.”

Genesis 12:5-8

III. Abraham's faith walk teaches us

...said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he **built** there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he **built** an altar to the Lord and **called** upon the name of the Lord.

Genesis 12:5-8

- III. Abraham's faith walk teaches us**
- a. We can see a connection between walking in obedience and worshipping God**

**God
speaks to
Abram
“Go”**

**Genesis 12:1
Acts 7:2**

**15 years
of delay
during
which no
record of
God
speaking**

**Genesis
11-12**

**Terah dies,
Abram
renews
obedience,
God speaks**

**Genesis
12:4-7**



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- a. We can see a connection between walking in obedience and worshipping God**
- b. We can see a connection between obedience and feeling God's Word lead us**
- c. We can have a confidence that faith is something to grow in, not something lost**

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*Faith builds over a lifetime, but is
birthed in a moment.*