



“Called to a Life of Faith”

8/11/24 Text: Genesis 12:1-9

Scripture References: Isaiah 41:8; 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; Hebrews 11:8-12; Hebrews 11:1; James 2:14–24; Acts 3:25; Galatians 3:7–9; Romans 4:3; 1 Corinthians 15:58

1. The Call to Faith: A Radical Departure (vs. 1-3).

[1] Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. [2] And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. [3] 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.”

2. The Journey of Faith: Obedience in Action (vs. 4-6).

[4] 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. [5] 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. When they came to the land of Canaan, [6] Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

3. The Reassurance of Faith: God’s Continued Promises (vs. 7a).

[7] Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.”

4. The Proclamation of Faith: Steadfast Worship (vs. 7b-9).

So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. [8] 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. [9] And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

If you were to share a key insight from today’s sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Application Questions: How does Abram’s willingness to leave everything behind challenge your own commitment to follow God’s call? What are some “comfort zones” or “security blankets” in your life that God may be calling you to leave behind to grow in faith? In what areas of your life do you need to trust God’s promises more deeply, even when the circumstances seem challenging or unclear? How can Abraham’s journey to Canaan encourage you to hold on to God’s promises? What steps can you take this week to in your daily life to walk by faith rather than by sight? Abram publicly proclaimed his faith by building an altar and calling upon the Name of the Lord amid a pagan land. In what ways can you be more intentional about proclaiming your faith in your community, workplace, or family?

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