

Destination Unknown

a study of Abraham

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Week One
Genesis 12:1 - 13:4
Following God's Call

Day One: "Getting Out of Dodge"

Read Genesis 12: 1-5

Why do you think the Lord asked Abram to leave his country, his people and his father's household?

What did God promise Abram?

Who would be the one to make all these promises happen?

What was Abram's only requirement?

What did Abram do when God called him to leave? How old was he?

What is God currently calling you to do?

In what ways are you being obedient?

If you are not being obedient, what is keeping you from this?

Who did Abram take with him and where did they go?

God can use you at any time in your life. What is God asking you to do that you are currently saying "no" to? Will you begin to pray for courage to say "yes" to that area of your life? Write your prayer for a changed heart and new courage.

God equipped Abram with tools and resources needed to set out for Canaan. Name some people, skills and possessions God has equipped you with for what He has called you to do.

In closing, thank God today for...

- *A heart of obedience*
- *The people He has surrounded around you to encourage you and help you*
- *Being called to do His work*

Day Two: "Focus on God"

Read Genesis 12:6-7

Who lived in the land where Abram traveled?

Read Genesis 9:18-27; Ex 23: 32-33; and Lev 18:3. Who were the Canaanites?

What did the Lord promise to Abram?

Was Abram's focus on the Lord or on the enemy?

What was Abram's response to this promise?

By being in a new land, with evil men being so near, if Abram had taken his eyes off God, fear would have taken over. Abram's focus and priority were in the right place and kept him at peace. We, also, need to learn from this—placing our eyes on the Lord in worship and prayer will keep us from looking at everything around us that can bring defeat. How have you stopped and worshipped the Lord today?

In closing, thank God today for...

- *Never leaving you—even in uncertainty*
- *Giving you the strength to follow Him*
- *His desire to be with you each day*

Day Three: "Me" without "Thee" Can Be Messy!

Read Genesis 12:10-20; 13:1-2

Why did Abram leave Canaan?

What did Abram ask Sarai to do as they entered Egypt?

Why do you think he did this?

Do you think this was okay? Why or why not?

What do you think Sarai was feeling at this time?

We quickly see Abram go from being God-focused to self-focused (12:8-13). In fear, Abram stopped relying on God and began making selfish decisions—decisions that affected not only him but those he loved. What has God called you to do for Him?

Are you staying obedient and following His lead or have you now taken it into your own hands and are making decisions without asking for God's direction? Explain.

Why do you think you changed from being God-focused to being self-focused in these decisions?

Write a prayer to the Lord to redirect your work to be God-focused not self-focused.

In Sarai's obedience to Abram, what did Abram receive?

How did the Lord intervene?

Although we aren't told how Pharaoh learned that Sarai was Abram's wife, what did Pharaoh do to Abram?

What does Scripture say about Abram as he left Egypt with Sarai and Lot?

In reviewing today's lesson, think about your own walk with the Lord. Are you walking with Him? If so, are you in a famine? Have you taken matters into your own hands and not sought God for guidance? Are you receiving worldly rewards that aren't blessings from the Lord? Just take a minute to evaluate your life. If there is any area in your life that is not in line with God's directing you, take time to pray through your situation and get back into a God-focused relationship.

In closing, thank God today for...

- *Protecting you when you've gone astray*
- *Intervening in your life*
- *Never leaving you even when you're walking away from Him*

Day Four: "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Read Genesis 13:3-4

Where did Abram go after leaving Egypt? Why is this so significant?

What did Abram do?

What area of your life—a relationship, a project, or a decision—do you need to go back to the beginning and start fresh with the Lord?

In closing, take time now to commit your time, tasks, relationships and life to the Lord. We see how God was there during the famine and journey into Egypt. He wants to be with us in all our days but much of the time we, like Abram, begin to not ask the Lord for His direction.

We can learn much from Abram in these two verses. He didn't continue making unwise choices but quickly went back to the place of worship—a place where he called on the Lord. Call on the name of the Lord. He will answer.

Day Five: "Get Me Off The Fast Track"

Read Genesis 13-14

To prepare for Week Two, read chapters 13-14. We will not focus on these chapters but will allow you to keep up with what has happened between lessons.

Chapter 13 - Abram and Lot "parted company" because of arguing within the two families. Lot takes land that looks the best (v10) and Abram takes the rest of the land. We see Abram humble in character as he allows Lot to choose his land first. He could have argued the point since he is the one who brought Lot along with him. God told Abram he would give him all the land he could see and it would be his descendants forever. Abram moved his tent to the great trees of Mamre and built an altar to the Lord.

What a great lesson and tremendous blessing to know we can worship God anywhere we place our tent—the place that we dwell and live.

Chapter 14 - Abram's place of living was out of the political wars taking place. Through the terror of war and death, Lot and his family were carried away. Abram received the news, went after Lot and rescued him. Afterwards, Melchizedek came and blessed Abram.