

Genesis: Lessons from the Faith  
and Failure of Our Spiritual Leaders

## Abram's Faithfulness

GENESIS 12:1-9

<sup>1</sup> The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

<sup>2</sup> "I will make you into a great nation  
and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you."

<sup>4</sup> So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. <sup>5</sup> He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

<sup>6</sup> Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

<sup>8</sup> From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

GENESIS 12:1-9

## God Calls vv. 1-3

- God's call requires \_\_\_\_\_. v. 1

*And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

HEBREWS 11:6

- Blessed to be a blessing vv. 2-3

## We Respond vv. 4-6

- Faith calls us out

Faith calls us out of our \_\_\_\_\_. v. 4

Faith calls us to let go of other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. v. 5

*By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.*

HEBREWS 11:8

- Obedience encounters \_\_\_\_\_. v. 6

## God Confirms His Call v. 7a

*Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.*

JOHN 14:21

## We Worship vv. 7b-9

- Worshiping God's \_\_\_\_\_ v. 7b

- Worshiping God as a \_\_\_\_\_ v. 8
- \_\_\_\_\_ encourages more faith and obedience. v. 9

## Faith in the Life of a Person

- The eternal importance of Abram's faith
- The eternal importance of your faith

*The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you."*

GALATIANS 3:8

## How to Become a Christian

Many people believe they are Christians because they were born in a Christian culture, go to church regularly, try to do their best, or live a good life. However, the Bible teaches that these things cannot make you a Christian. You become a Christian by simply taking these two steps:

- Acknowledge that you (along with all people) have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. ROMANS 3:23
- Personally believe that Jesus Christ, who was God in human flesh, died for your sins on the cross and rose again. 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3, 4

You may express your belief through prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving Him as God's gift to you.

JOHN 1:12, ROMANS 6:23, REVELATION 3:20

*"For it is by grace you have been saved through faith...it is the gift of God; not by works, so that no one can boast."* EPHESIANS 2:8, 9 (NIV)