



¹The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you.

⁴ So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

Genesis 12:1,4



Get to Know You: If you could have dinner with one person from history who left a lasting legacy, who would it be and why?

- 1. Read Genesis 11:31-12:4.** Abram had moved with his father, headed to Canaan, but they stopped in Haran. Sometimes this happens to us—we start out strong, get distracted, and decide to settle in. This is where Abram was when God’s call came. What strikes you about Abraham’s willingness to leave everything at 75 years old? What are some things that might have held him back from obedience? Thinking of your own life, what is something that might get in the way of your willingness to trust God with taking a big step of faith with Him?
- 2. Read Joshua 24:2-3.** Abraham came from a family of idol worshippers, yet God chose him. How does Abraham’s background encourage you when you think about your own past?

3. **Read Hebrews 11:8–16.** When God called Abram (Abraham), he chose to obey without knowing all the details (i.e. no map to an unknown-to-him destination). What does this passage identify as the motivation for taking such a big risk? Living a life of faith can be challenging, especially when it requires us to step into the “unknown”. What helps you keep moving forward when you don’t see the whole plan? How can we know if we are following God’s directive or something/someone else? (Note: consider Jonah—he ended up at God’s destination *despite* running in the opposite direction. How can this give us confidence even if we feel we got it wrong?)

4. **Read Genesis 16:1–3.** Some time has passed, Abram and Sarai were now in the place of God’s choosing but not all was perfectly well—what was the problem? They had trusted God up until now, but faith was faltering. How did they decide to take matters into their own hands? This reminds us that even on an obedience track, we can stumble when God’s plan requires waiting. Why do you think waiting on God is so difficult? Thankfully, even when we get off track and get it wrong, God is still God fulfilling His plan and purpose. What’s one way God has shown you grace after a mistake or failure?

5. **Read Genesis 17:1-6.** (This is where we find what’s known as the ‘Abrahamic Covenant’) Now read **Genesis 22:1–14.** We know based upon Hebrews 11:17-19, that God was testing Abraham’s obedience and faith. Abraham had already shown his willingness to obey God with a faith that was willing to ‘Make a Move’. Now we see faith maturing as it is tested. What are some sacrificial situations God has used in your life to test your faith? How did your faith grow/mature?

6. **Read James 2:14-23.** This reminds us that Abraham’s faith was *active*—in other words, it was not just knowing about God, but *doing* what He said. Here at Catalyst, we know people grow by activating their faith in the day to day as they learn & apply biblical principles. Are you in His Word regularly? What’s one “move” of faith God might be calling you to make this week?