

Questions

1. By comparing Genesis 11:31-12:1, and Acts 7:2-4, it appears Abram stopped in Haran after God first began to move him. Is there an area in your life where you are being slow to fully follow the Lord in obedient faith?
2. Recall a time when you acted out of faith in God even when you did not fully know all the implications of your obedience. How did God grow you through those circumstances?
3. Have you tried to pursue a great name by your own effort (cf. Genesis 11:4)? What did you learn from your efforts? Have you ever seen God exalt you in some way apart from any effort on your own part?
4. Read Matthew 5:1-10. Consider what Jesus calls His followers to and what He promises as they obey. Is there an example in this passage where you struggle most to obey and experience His blessing?
5. Read Galatians 3:7-9. What did God mean when He promised that "all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you"?



The God Who Says, "I Will"

Genesis 12:1 – 9

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Genesis 12:1-9 tells how God encourages His people's faith with promises that rest on His own faithfulness, and shows us the example of one man's response of obedient faith.

God called Abram from an idolatrous land that was far to the east of modern Israel (Gen. 11:31). The call was entirely based on God's grace, not because of anything Abram had done.

Abram did not immediately go to Canaan but stopped in Haran for a time. God strongly called Abram again (12:1).

God gave four strong promises to assure Abram that what seemed like the unknown was fully known to God:

*Need prayer?
Someone will be up front by the piano
to pray with you after the 1st & 2nd services.*

Promises 1 & 2: God will make of Abraham a great name and a great nation (12:2-3)

Promise 4: Blessing for the world through Abraham (12:2-3)

Promise 3: Land (12:7)