

A Journey of Faith (Part 1)
A Study of the Life of Abraham
(Gen. 11:27-12:3)

“Your Ear Heard Your Faith Say What?”

Introduction: Abraham was a man called of God. Abraham was one of the greatest and godliest men who ever lived. In the Bible, Abraham is presented to us as a great example of a man who lived his life by faith. And there is no better example than Abraham to teach us how to do just that.

I can assure you of this; God has a calling for every person here today; first a call to salvation, and then a call to service. (Today I want to give us seven keys to help us understand the call of service God has upon our lives.)

1. Everyone called of God, is called to leave something in the past:

We all come from somewhere and what and where we come from plays a role in molding us into the people we become.

- A. **Abram had such a place** – while this sounds like a great place to live and raise a family, it was not without its problems.
- B. **The problem** – (Josh. 24:2. Gen. 31:30-34; Isa. 51:1). According to scripture, Abrams’ years in Ur were times of *darkness*, Josh 4:2, *death*, v. 28, and *despair*, v. 30.

2. Everyone called of God, must make some adjustments in their lives:

- a. **Abram was called** to leave behind everything he loved and everything that had shaped his life up to that point.
- b. **For Abram**, it would be a difficult task. He was issued a call *to follow God in faith* and *to a new future*.

3. Everyone called of God has some sense of where He is leading them: Abram was to leave his home, not knowing where he was going, or when he would arrive.

- a. **He was called to leave** the certain for uncertain and the seen for the unseen.
- b. **He was to simply leave all such matters** in the guiding hand of the Lord! (Heb. 13:5; Ps. 37:19; Rom. 4:21).

4. Everyone called of God has been called out on some personal level:

- a. **God had called Abram** earlier (this is the record of the call, but not the time of it.)
- b. **Abram had only partially** answered the call up till now. (Abram had come out of Ur, but only gone to Haran where he waited until his father died).
- c. **God had called Abram**, (*Isa 51:2*; Heb. 11:6)

5. Everyone called of God must realize God is in control:

- a. *Abram was 75 years old when God called him.*
- b. *He trusted God for 100 years* (*Gen 25:7*) (*Rom. 8:28*; 1 Sam. 15:22.)

6. Everyone called of God can be confident God has equipped them for the task: Notice God says “I will make you”. . .”I will bless you”

- A. **We must remember, God is the one who calls us, and He will be the one who equips us** - Our lives look very different from God’s perspective!
- B. **Remember, it is actually God** doing the work He has called us to through us. (Eph. 2:10)

7. Everyone called of God has the assurance of God’s presence to go with them:

- a. **The Lord told Abram** they were going to a place where God would show Him.
- b. **That means God was going with him** – and for us, this means “*To Whatever He has called you, He will go with you too!*”

Conclusion: Abraham was one of the greatest and godliest men who ever lived.

But we really only know that because he answered the call of God upon his life. And in doing so he has left us a wonderful example of what it means to walk by faith with God.

When he did, he saw God do things that amazed him until the day he died.

I wonder, have you made that first step of faith to answer the call of God upon your life?