

Into the Unknown: Following God's Call

Gen. 12:1-9

Introduction:

- A. The fear of the unknown is a very scary thing.
- B. Imagine God calling you to do something as bold as stepping out into the unknown and following Him with little knowledge of where you were going.
- C. That is exactly what God did with a man named Abram.

God's Call to Abram (Gen. 12:1-3)

- A. Abram's call was difficult (Gen. 11:31-32; Gen. 15:7; Acts 7:2-4).
- B. Abram's call was one of complete surrender (Neh. 9:7; Jos. 24:2; Heb. 11:8).

Abram's Obedience to God's Call (Gen. 12:4-9)

- A. Abram abandoned the safety of the familiar with only the promises God had made him.
- B. There were two major problems with the promises God had made to Abram:
 - 1. The land was already occupied (Gen. 12:6-7).
 - 2. Sarah is barren (Gen. 11:30).
- C. Abram was willing to step out in faith and follow God's call into the unknown.

QUESTION TO CONSIDER: In what area is God calling you to step out in faith and follow Him (2 Cor. 5:7; Rom. 1:17)?

What Abram Teaches Us About Stepping Out in Faith and Following God:

- A. It may be costly (Matt. 4:18-22; 19:21; Lk. 9:23-25; Lk. 9:57-62).
- B. Age is not an obstacle (Gen. 12:4; Gen. 25:7-8).
- C. God can do great things through our faithful obedience (Matt. 1:1).

Conclusion:

- A. God may be calling someone today to leave their old life of sin and come to Jesus.
- B. God may be calling others to step out in faith and do something that is difficult.
- C. Whatever God is calling you to do, be like Abram and step out in faith and follow God.