

Follow Through with Faith

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INTRODUCTION: How to Change the World

Genesis 12:1 (All Verses from the New International Version 1984)

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.

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1. Faith starts with a gift.

- John 3:16 ***For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.***
- John 3:17 ***For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.***

2. Faith goes where God directs.

- Genesis 12:1 ***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."***

- Genesis 12:2-3 ² ***"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. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."***
- Genesis 12:4 ***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.***

3. Faith trusts in God more than myself.

- Romans 4:16 ***Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring--not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.***
- Romans 4:17 ***As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed--the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.***

CONCLUSION: Headlights

G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.

Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

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Monday: Read *John 3:16*. Faith isn't a prize we earn, but a gift to be received. Why is it important to see faith as a gift given than a wage earned? When are you tempted to see faith as a result of something you earn? How does *John 3:16* help you keep faith as a gift?

Tuesday: Read *John 3:17*. Why is this verse so important to connect with *John 3:16*? If God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn the world, why are Christians often seen by non-Christians as so condemning? How can you be a better witness of the gift Jesus brings to the people in your world this week?

Wednesday: Read *Genesis 12:1*. Where has God called you to step out in faith, "to go"? How did you respond? Where is God calling you now to step out in faith, "to go"? How will you respond?

Thursday: Read *Genesis 12:2-4*. Notice how often variations of the word bless is used in these verses. What is God seeking to communicate to Abram? To you?

Friday: Read *Romans 4:16*. Trusting God realizes that God has not only promised to forgive sin, but to forgive *my* sin, to forgive *me*. Where do you need to come clean with God today about your sin? What leads you to trust His forgiveness? What might be a barrier holding back your trust in His great gift of forgiveness?

Saturday: Read *Romans 4:17*. We were made to play a part in His story. Abram was chosen by God – not because he was qualified, but because Abram had faith. Where is God calling you to step out in faith, to be part of God's story? Take time today to pray for a faith that follows through with God's call on your life.

Going Deeper:

BOOK TO READ: *Abraham* by Chuck Swindoll

NEXT WEEK: John 4:27-30, 39-42 “... At Just the Right Time ...”