

Move Forward

The Journey of Faith

Genesis 12:1-8

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The Call that Begins the Journey

The LORD had said to Abram, “**Leave** your country, your people and your father’s household **and go...**”

(Ge 12:1, NIV)

“Come... and follow me.” (Mt 4:19)

Whenever you don’t move forward, you get left behind!

The Promises that Sustain the Journey

1) I will show.

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.” (Ge 12:1, NIV)

The direction of God is given to those who are moving in God’s direction.

2) I will make.

“**I will make** you into a great nation...

“**I will make** your name great... (Ge 12:2, NIV)

The power of God is activated by the progress of his people.

3) I will bless.

“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**.

I will **bless** those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;

and all peoples on earth will be **blessed** through you.” (Ge 12:2–3, NIV)

There are blessings that you will never know until you move forward.

The Response that Fuels the Journey

1) Leave where you are.

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. (Ge 12:4, NIV)

Every step forward requires a step away from where you are.

2) Go where God shows.

He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of **Canaan**, and they **arrived** there. (Ge 12:5, NIV)

Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The LORD **appeared** to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give **this land**." (Ge 12:6–7, NIV)

It is obedience that leads to new assurance and new promises and new provisions from God.

3) Bless those you meet.

So he **built an altar** there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with **Bethel** on the west and **Ai** on the east. There he built an **altar** to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. (Ge 12:7–8, NIV)

One of the best ways you will ever bless anyone is to strategically position yourself between the ruins of this world and the house of God, and call on the name of the Lord!

Are You Ready To Take A Step And Move Forward Today?