

## **Genesis 12:1-5**

### **God takes our decisions seriously.**

1. **Ab had Absolute obedience** (v1 – leave everything)
2. **GE 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.**
  - a. Leave comfort zone of home.
  - b. Didn't have a retirement plan
  - c. I will show you – This land was in the wilderness. Not wilderness like national park, there wasn't even pit toilets. This wasn't a camping trip!!! When you went on the road in those days, there was no driver reviver or Macdonalds. You went out of town you had to be prepared.

### 3. **Ab had Absolute trust in God.**

**GE 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.**

He left why – He trusted God. He expected God to look after Him and He expected God to bless him. (v2-3)

**GE 12:2 "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.**

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

Getting blessed is OK and we can expect it. Just don't expect it to be like you think.

Ab was told he was going to be a great nation but he never saw it, in fact when he died the only land he had was his wife's grave which he had to buy. Some nation. But notice the confidence that Ab had in God V4 – So Abraham left as God told Him.

### 4. **Ab had Absolute Personal Commitment but Lot didn't**

**<sup>5</sup> 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.**

Here we get to the crux of the matter. That story we heard earlier was 5 Chapters later. How long we don't know but when Lot is out of contact with Abraham he

looses the plot. He is not only living with evil people. He is willing to give his daughters to them. Here is the thing.

- a. You can't live on someone else's faith. Your relationship to Jesus is yours.
- b. I'm 5 gen Baptist, 4<sup>th</sup> Generation pastor. SO what. T's between me and God.
- c. My parents did a good job, taught me about God, but it is my decision.
- d. Here is the amazing thing. I heard a guy talk about this passage years ago and he said "God takes our decisions seriously." God lets us choose to know Him or ignore Him. That is some God. He respects us that much.

Here the thing – are we like Ab and want to go for it or are we like Lot who relies on someone else for our faith. If we are, it won't hold up.