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ABRAHAM: God of Promise & Life of Faith

Lesson One • Genesis 11:27 – 12:3

The God of Promise Calls

Life of Abraham

Abraham shows us what it looks like to live a life of <u>FAITH</u> in response to the God of promise.

Context in Genesis

The life of Abraham, beginning in Genesis 12, is <u>PIVOTAL</u> in God's plan of salvation among all peoples of the world.

The God of Promise Calls

1. Hear the God Who CALLS You to Follow Him!

The God Who Calls

- God calls us out of darkness of SIN (Gen. 11:27-32).
- God calls us by His sovereign GRACE.
- God calls us through His WORD (Gen. 12:1a).

2. Trust the God Who PROMISES to Bless You!

The God Who Promises

Abraham was commanded to <u>FORSAKE ALL</u> and follow God by faith (Gen. 12:1)

God's Command

God commanded Abraham to leave his homeland (difficult), his relatives (more difficult), and his father's household (most difficult) and go to a land that God will show him (act of faith).

Abraham was promised great <u>BLESSINGS</u> in order that he might be a great blessing (*Gen. 12:1-3*).

God's Promises

- 1) God promised personal blessings for Abraham that are anchored in the land (God's place, people, protection, and presence).
- 2) God promised global blessings through Abraham that are fulfilled in Christ (God's plan of salvation among all peoples).
- Abraham faced three huge obstacles that would <u>TEST</u> his faith in God (Gen. 11:27-32).

Abraham's Obstacles

-) Abraham was in the wrong land.
- Abraham's wife had a barren womb.
- Abraham had no descendant.

For God So Loved the World...

That He called ABRAHAM to follow Him and He calls US to follow Him.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

"If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?" Luke 9:23-35