

DOUBLE-DARE: *The Journey of a Lifetime*

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Read Genesis 12:1-9

Genesis 12:1-3 are some of the most important verses in the Bible. In these verses God begins to lay out his redemptive plan for humanity. God chooses one man, Abraham, in order to bless all people. God is the primary actor in the story of redemption—but Abraham needs to respond to God's promise with faith.

1. In these verses, God promises to make a great nation out of Abraham, and then bless all people through Abraham. Ultimately this happens in and through Jesus. Look at the following verses and explain how they relate to/fulfill the promise God gave to Abraham. Matthew 1:2, 16-17. Luke 2:10, 30-32; Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 4:18, 23-24; Revelation 7:9.
2. In what specific ways did God ask Abraham to exercise faith in Genesis 12? Which one of these would have been the most difficult for you?
3. In verse 7, Abraham arrives at the land God is going to show him. Why does Abraham need to exercise faith when God tells him: "To your offspring I will give this land." (See verse 6). Have you ever found yourself in a place to which God has lead you, only to think to yourself, "You've got to be kidding. This can't be right"?
4. Read Hebrews 11:8-12. What are the different ways faith is demonstrated in this passage? In verse 8 we read, "By faith...Abraham obeyed and went." Based on this verse, how would you answer the question: How much faith is necessary to receive God's promise? (See Luke 17:6) Verse 11 tells us that Sarah exercised faith because she believed God is faithful? What increases your belief in the faithfulness of God
5. Read Hebrews 11:1. How would you explain what faith is to an unbeliever? Is faith a risky?
6. Where is God calling you to step out in faith in the coming year?

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