



MOVING ON UP.

In Genesis 12, Abraham received a radical call from God. Like, really radical. And we can easily miss that point. For Abraham (or anyone at that time) to go to a new land involved more than simply changing location; it was changing their entire worldview. People's identity would often be found with their people, yet Abraham was told to leave his people behind. He had to place a supreme trust in God to accomplish this.

Today, we don't necessarily have that problem to Abraham's extent, but our roads can definitely still lead us to new places we aren't sure about. Change can happen due to jobs, schooling, or relationships. There's a saying that wherever you go, there you are. But we can elaborate and say also, wherever you go, there God is. There is nowhere in this universe where you are apart from God.

IN THE BIBLE.

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord had said to Abram:

“Get out of your country, From your family and from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you;

And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan.

Genesis 13:14-18.

And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: “Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you.”

Psalms 139:13-16

For you created my inmost being;

you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful,

I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you

when I was made in the secret place,

when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw my unformed body;

all the days ordained for me were written in your book

before one of them came to be.

QUESTIONS.

- 1.) Abraham had pretty intense trust in God. What have you had to trust God with in your life?
- 2.) Why can we trust God?
- 3.) When change happens, how do respond? How should you respond?

Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?