

## A New Beginning

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Genesis 11:27-12:9

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### Abraham Called By God's Grace

- Not called because of character (Gen 11:27-32; Josh 24:2-3)
- Not called because of righteousness (Rom 4:4)
- God's call is always by His grace, never by our merit (Jn 15:16)

### Abraham our Example

- Abraham's Age wasn't a factor, neither is yours! (Gen 12:4; 25:7)
- Abraham was nothing special – merely our Example (Isa 51:1-2)
- Neither are we special – merely for God's glory (1 Cor 1:26-30)

### God's Call is Irresistible

- God's Glory is irresistible (Acts 7:2-3)
- God shines His light in our hearts (2 Cor 4:4-6)

### Abraham's Faith

- Based upon Word, not feelings (Gen 12:1-2; Rm 10:17)
- So that we might be blessing to others (Gen 12:2-3; Acts 3:25-26)
- Missionary mandate starts with at least Abraham (Gen 12:1-2)
- True faith results in Obedience to Word (Heb 11:8; Mt 5:16; 1 Pet 3:1; 3:13ff)
- Beware of settling in 'Haran' (Acts 7:2-4)
- Beware of getting 'comfortable' (1 Pet 2:11)
- Beware of what you bring from the 'old' life to the 'new' (2 Cor 6:14-7:1)

### True Faith Brings

- OUT – Gen 12:4-5. . . . . Faith causes us to do Bold things
- IN – Gen 12:6-8. . . . . Canaan>Life of testing
- ONWARD – Gen 12:9. . . . . Faith filled lives are always moving!

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