

A Journey of Faith

(Part 1 – The Journey of Faith Begins)

Text: Genesis 11:27-13:4

Main Idea: The journey of faith is birthed by God, grounded in the promises of God & upheld by a faithful God!

1. **The journey of faith *begins* with the _____ of God! (11:27-12:1, 1 Cor 1:2, 9, 24, 26)**

- God's call always comes with _____.
- God's call is never associated with _____.
- God's call often comes with _____.

2. **The journey of faith is *grounded* in the covenant _____ of God! (12:2-3, Heb 8:6-13, Jer 31:31-34)**

3. **The journey of faith is *verified* by _____ to God! (v. 4-9)**

- Real faith always _____ God. (4-5)
- Real faith always _____ others. (4-5)
- Real faith always encounters opposition & _____! (6)
- Real faith will always be _____ by God. (7a, Rom 8:16)
- Real faith always _____ God. (7b-9)

4. **The journey of faith is *accompanied* with _____, but *upheld* by a _____ God! (12:10-13:4)**

- Faith fails when we lack _____ in God & His word.
- God is always faithful to the _____. (2 Tim 2:13)

Application Questions:

1. How does a journey of faith with God begin? How did it begin with Abram? Was Abram seeking out God? Read through 1 Corinthians 1 Cor 1:2, 9, 24, 26. How does Paul say our journey of faith begins? Read Acts 9:1-9 to see how Paul's journey of faith began, or Acts 16:11-15 to see how Lydia's journey of faith began? Have you begun the journey of faith in Jesus Christ?
2. What made Abram's call so unique? From a human standpoint, was there anything special about Abram that would have caused God to *call* him? Why would God choose to call someone like Abram? (See 1 Cor 1:26-31)
3. How can you tell if your faith and calling is genuine? (See James 2:17, 26) What evidence was present in Abram's life that verified his faith? What evidence is in your life? Can you confirm that God has "called" you (see 2 Peter 1:10-11)?
4. How does failure fit into this journey of faith? Does failure cause us to lose our salvation? How did Abram fail in faith in 12:10-20 (2 ways – 1 with his action & 1 with his words)? How have you failed in faith with your actions or with your words? Read 2 Tim 2:13 and apply this promise to the story of Abram & also to your own life!
5. How was Abram's faith tested in 12:10-20? What circumstances in your own life are a testing of your faith?
6. Do you know anyone whose faith has remained small and childlike for his or her whole life? What do you think is the reason why they continue to fail in the circumstances of life? How will understanding the character of God & His covenant promises help "build" our faith? Go back and read 12:1-3. What does that covenant say about God & His character?