

God created a people through whom the Messiah would come.

GENESIS 12:1-6

Becoming a People and a Blessing for Others and Others

Abraham: The Father of All Who Believe (Romans 4:11)

Genesis 11:31 Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans in order to enter the land of Canaan; and they went as far as Haran, and settled there. 32 The days of Terah were two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran.

Joshua 24:2 Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘From ancient times your fathers lived beyond the River, namely, Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, and they served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River, and led him through all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants and gave him Isaac.’”

Genesis 12:1 “Now the Lord said to Abram,

“**Go** forth from your country,

And from your relatives

And from your father’s house,

To the land which I will show you;

2 And **I will make you a great nation,**

And I will bless you,

And make your name great;

And so **you shall be a blessing;**

3 And I will bless those who bless you,

And the one who curses you I will curse.

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

Genesis 12:1 “Now the Lord said to Abram,
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To the land which I will show you;

GOD SAID, “GO.”

1. God chose Abram because God chose Abram.
2. God told him to leave his relatives and to go somewhere.
3. Abraham is going to listen to God and follow God’s voice.

God is gracious to call us and give us direction!

Genesis 12:2 **And I will make you a great nation,
And I will bless you,
And make your name great;
And so you shall be a blessing;**

GOD SAID, "I WILL MAKE YOU."

1. This is a huge promise, and God is faithful.
2. A huge catch at this time is that Abram's wife is barren.
3. Through this man, God will bring The Child.

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Genesis 12:3 And I will bless those who bless you,
And the one who curses you I will curse.

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

GOD SAID, “IN YOU ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH...”

1. This is a huge responsibility, and God is faithful.
2. God blessed Abram to be a blessing to others and others.
3. God grafts together people who share Abram’s blessing.

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Genesis 12:4 So Abram went forth as the Lord had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan; thus they came to the land of Canaan. 6 Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite was then in the land.

1. Abraham moves into the next step of the process with God.
2. Abraham heard God's voice and acted on God's direction.

Mark 10:28 Peter began to say to Him, “Behold, we have left everything and followed You.” 29 Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel’s sake, 30 but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last, first.”

Matthew 10:37 “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.

We are working together toward a day when...

Revelation 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; 10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

Examine how well you know His story & His Word.

Examine how your life is for His glory & His story.

Examine something you can leave behind to glorify Him.

Lay it down, move forward and lift Him up.