

God created a people through whom the Messiah would come.

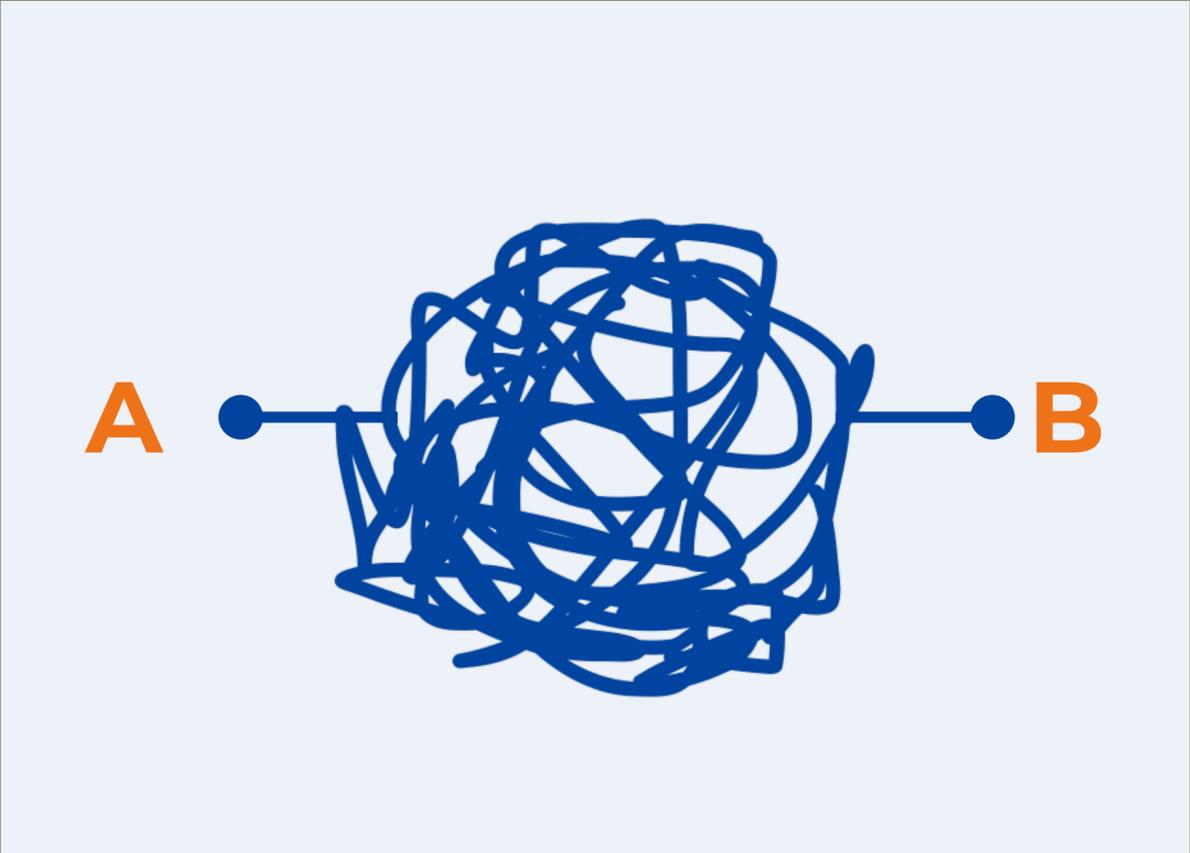
GENESIS 12:6-20

Journey On

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



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Life happens.

GENESIS 12:1-6

Becoming a People and a Blessing for Others and Others

God is gracious to call us

shape us

use us and give us direction!

Journey on!

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.”

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."

Genesis 12:6 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. 7 The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord who had appeared to him. 8 Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. 9 Abram journeyed on, continuing toward the Negev.

JOURNEY ON: Abram called upon the name of the Lord.

1. Called and 2. Keep calling on the name of the Lord.

Genesis 12:10 Now there was a famine in the land; so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.

JOURNEY ON: Abram faced adversity he didn't create.

1. There was a famine in the land so Abram went to Egypt.
2. Abram was in step with God and still suffered a famine.
3. Life happens even when we are calling on the Lord.

Genesis 12:11 It came about when he came near to Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, “See now, I know that you are a beautiful woman; 12 and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife’; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. 13 Please say that you are my sister so that it may go well with me because of you, and that I may live on account of you.”

JOURNEY ON: Abram also created adversity he faced.

1. Abram’s mind was no longer on things above.
2. Abram made decisions by himself and for himself.

Genesis 12:14 It came about when Abram came into Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. 15 Pharaoh's officials saw her and praised her to Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. 16 Therefore he treated Abram well for her sake; and gave him sheep and oxen and donkeys and male and female servants and female donkeys and camels.

JOURNEY ON: Abram also created adversity he faced.

1. Abram was clearly treated well.
2. Sarai most likely was not treated well.

Genesis 12:17 But the Lord struck Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. 18 Then Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? 19 Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife, take her and go." 20 Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him; and they escorted him away, with his wife and all that belonged to him.

JOURNEY ON: Abram also created adversity he faced.

1. The Lord was not distant and actually got destructive.
2. Pharaoh had questions, then he sent them on their way.

The Bible explains the ultimate reasons why we suffer (Tripp)

- ◆ We suffer because we live in a fallen world plagued by disease, natural disasters, dangerous animals, etc.
- ◆ We suffer because of our flesh. Much of our suffering is at our own hands. We make choices that make our own lives painful and difficult.
- ◆ We suffer because others sin against us...
- ◆ We suffer because of the Devil...
- ◆ We suffer because of God's good purpose. God calls His children to suffer for His glory & for their redemptive good.

James 1:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

2 Cor. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. 6 But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; 7 and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our comfort.

God is gracious to call us

shape us (in our suffering)

use us (in our suffering)!

God is patient and provides His grace so that we can:

keep working, keep growing,

keep confessing & keep repenting.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

Don't stay stuck in your adversity or missteps.

Find your identity in God's grace, glory and call.