

The Impact of Faith

Genesis 12:4-9

Context: In Genesis 12:4–9, God calls Abram to leave his homeland and promises him a great future. Abram's response reflects an unwavering faith as he obeys God's command, showcasing the results of trusting in God's promises.

Faith in God will cause you to...

I. _____ your past (vs. 4a)

- A. When Abram followed God, he left behind his homeland, his idols, his family, and his comfort. He was 75 years old and his wife was barren.
- B. 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

II. _____ other people (vs. 4b-6)

- A. Abram is not going into the promised land alone, he takes his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot, and an estimated 1000 people with him.
- B. Because Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, we must share him with others. Who are you burdened to share Jesus with?

III. _____ up Praise (vs. 7-8)

- A. Having left idolatry behind in Ur and Haran, Abram arrives in Canaan to find it alive and well. In the midst of an idolatrous world, Abram builds two altars (vs. 7, vs. 8) to worship the one true God.
- B. Are you setting up alters to God in your life? Is your car a place of worship? Is your home a place of worship? Is your workplace a place of worship?

IV. _____ in pilgrimage (vs. 8-9)

- A. Vs. 8 tells us that Abram lived in a tent. The tent is the dwelling of someone who does not have a settled home on earth, but whose life is spent as a sojourner. (See Hebrews 11:9)
- B. Abram's life is a type and example for all who follow in his faithful footsteps, by believing God's promise, obeying God's command, and journeying through life as a stranger whose home lies in the world to come. (See Hebrews 11:13,16)