

Genesis 12

1. ***“The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.”***

- The Hebrew name Abram means High or Exalted father

2. **Faith – “...to the land I will show you.”**

- When Abram left home he left what he would have normally depended upon. Therefore, Abram had to totally depend upon God.
- Abram left home following God’s lead but not knowing where he was going; Acts 7:2, Hebrews 11:8, Hebrews 11:1-3, 2 Cor. 5:7

3. **The Blessing of Abraham – *“I will make you a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”***

- The Hebrew word for bless is barak which means to benefit, to congratulate, to kneel, to receive good fortune from God.
- The Hebrew word for curse is arar meaning is a pronouncement of ill fortune because one opposes God’s plan.
- The LORD promised to make Abram’s name great. The biblical meaning and understanding of “name” wasn’t limited to what names parents gave their children at birth. Names spoke of character and spiritual identification; Isa. 9:6, Isa. 62:2, and Rev. 2:17.
- In Genesis 17:5, God changed Abram’s name.