

Unit 2, Session 1 – THE GOSPEL PROJECT

ABRAM OBEYED GOD’S CALL

CORE PASSAGE: GENESIS 12:1-9

KEY CONCEPT

Faith is obeying and following God no matter the circumstances that come with it.

DAILY READINGS

Day 1: Genesis 11:27-32

Day 2: Genesis 12:1-9

Day 3: Genesis 12:10-20

Day 4: Genesis 13:1-18

Day 5: Genesis 14:1-24

Day 6: Psalm 128

MEMORY VERSE

“The promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would inherit the world was not through the law, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.” Romans 4:13

PERSONAL PREPARATION

FAITH LEADS TO OBEYING AND FOLLOWING GOD’S CALL AND COMMANDS (GENESIS 12:1-4).

Underline what God told Abram to leave behind and circle God’s promises to Abram.

1 The LORD said to Abram: Go from your land, your relatives, and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. **2** I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you. **4** So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

What obstacles do you think Abram faced when he considered the call of God?

When you hear God's call, how can Abram's bold faith inspire you to obey and follow God?

FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISES LEADS TO WORSHIP OF GOD, NO MATTER THE CIRCUMSTANCES (GENESIS 12:5-9).

Underline the movement of Abram:

Who went with him, and where did they journey?

5 He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated, and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, **6** Abram passed through the land to the site of Shechem, at the oak of Moreh. (At that time the Canaanites were in the land.) **7** The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him. **8** From there he moved on to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. He built an altar to the LORD there, and he called on the name of the LORD. **9** Then Abram journeyed by stages to the Negev.

What voices and temptations must you ignore or flee to worship God alone?

What reasons do you have to worship God, both for His past faithfulness and the hope of His future faithfulness?

Abram's Challenges

Record some challenges of faith Abram may have faced in hearing God's plan, in believing what God said, and in obeying God's call. Include Scripture references to support your responses.

HEAR

BELIEVE

GO

How did considering these challenges and difficulties allow you to see Abram's faith in this story more clearly?

In light of God's call of Abram and Abram's subsequent obedience, how do you see faith and obedience relating to one another?

HEAD, HEART, HANDS

Head:

How could your life be different tomorrow if you trusted in God's Word today?

Heart:

How does knowing the love God has for us encourage us to obey and follow His call?

Hands:

What do you need to do in faith to actively follow and obey God's call on your life?

PRAISING SCRIPTURE

Read Psalm 128 and then pray through the psalm, acknowledging the promise of joy for a life of obedient faith in God. Ask God for the faith to trust His goodness and ask Him to help your group follow Him wherever He leads.