



"Breaking Out of Your Bubble"

Genesis 12:1-9

God asked Abram to leave behind everything commonly considered to be foundational. *Genesis 12:1*

- Leave your country - Leave your cultural comrades - Leave your own family.
- God wanted Abram to give Him his unconditional wide-sweeping allegiance in all areas of life.

Abram's call to commitment was so radical we may surmise God only requires it of a select few.

- Jesus establishes that His followers should be prepared to give up everything. *Luke 9:23-25*
- Costly discipleship isn't congruent with today's prevalent Christian consumer mentality.

God promises to bless Abram in a big way so he in turn can be a blessing to others. *Genesis 12:2,3*

- It can be tough to wrap ourselves around the truth that we can be a blessing to others.
- It's all about what God wills to do - Not our deficiencies, Christian heritage, or past failures.
- Jesus fulfilled the promise - *"all the families of the earth will be blessed"*. *Galatians 3:16*

"So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him..." *Genesis 12:4*

- Exercising faith and taking steps of obedience are inseparable. *Hebrews 11:8-10*
- When faith & obedience collide, the power of God is unleashed in ways that will surprise us.

When Abram broke out of his bubble, it brought him into the jaws of evil. *Genesis 12:5-8*

- *"he built an altar there to the LORD...and called upon the name of the LORD."* *12:7,8*
- Is God asking you to step out of your bubble? Where does He want you to honor His name?

Further Study and Pondering:

1. Did you ever spend time in a completely foreign country? What did it feel like?
2. Discuss costly discipleship vs. today's prevalent Christian consumer mentality. (*Luke 9:23-25*)
3. Do you have reasons to doubt that God can use you to be a blessing to others? Why? Don't focus on your flaws, heritage, or deficiencies. Remember, it's all about what God wills to do.
4. Further study on faith/obedience: (*Romans 4:1-3; 16-24; Galatians 3:6-9; Heb. 11:8-19; James 2:21-23*)
5. Faith and obedience are inseparable. When we combine them in our lives, God shows up in amazing ways. Is there an area in your life where faith and obedience need to be activated?
6. Abram left his protective bubble and as a result he "built altars" and "called upon the name of the LORD" in evil places. Ask God where He wants you to do the same. Will you say yes?
7. Ask God to give you the courage to leave your bubble to be a blessing to someone this week.

"Where is God asking you to honor His name?"