

“Call to Greatness”

Genesis 11:27-12:9

The Greatest life is the life of Faith in God. (Heb. 11:1, 6)
The Greatest example of this life of Faith in the Bible is Abraham.

- ✓ Romans 4 says he is The Father of our Faith.
- ✓ He is a prominent Bible character mentioned over 300 times.
- ✓ He is mentioned in 11 of the 27 books in the New Testament.
- ✓ In the faith chapter (Heb. 11) there are 12 verses on him. (Note: Most get one, Moses gets six)
- ✓ Three major world religions trace their origins to this man. (Muslims, Jews, and Christians saying that they all come from this man)

Abram means father

Abraham mean father of many

Abraham didn't let life get the best of him; he got the best out of life. How? He responded to God's invitation to greatness.

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WHAT IS THIS CALL TO GREATNESS?

1) It is a Gracious Invitation.

Something disastrous has happened in Gen. 11:27-32 the account of Terah brings us to the end of this Godly line. Terah means “moon”. Ur of the Chaldeans was the center of lunar worship where Terah settled his family. (Josh. 24:2-3)

The call doesn't come because I am qualified, I am qualified because of the call. (Eph. 2:1-10)

2) It is a Personal Invitation.

Gen. 12:1 “...leave your country” (Heb. “Get yourself out”)

It is not enough to be a part of a Christian environment I must meet God myself. Have you encountered Him yourself? (Isa.6; Luke 5:1-11; Jn 1:35-51)

3) It is a Volitional Invitation.

V1 “...go to the land I will show you.”

It is a total surrender of my will. (Job 13:15; Matt. 26:42; Luke 14:25-35)

4) It is a Missional Invitation.

V2 “...you will be a blessing.” v3 “...all peoples on the earth will be blessed through you.”

God blesses me to be a blessing. (Matt. 10:8; Luke 6:38; 2 Cor. 9:6-11)

5) It is a Relational Invitation.

V7 “...so he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.”

It is a mutual sharing of truth and love. (John 15:9-17)

HOW DO YOU RECEIVE THIS CALL TO GREATNESS?

Abraham's greatness was dependent upon him 1st having a son. My greatness is dependent upon me 1st giving myself to the Son (Jesus Christ). (Romans 4)

May 6	“What Happens in Egypt Stays...”	Gen.12:10-13:18
May 13	“Intervention”	Genesis 14
May 20	“Dealing With Doubt”	Genesis 15
May 27	Youth Weekend!	
June 3	“Religion Bites”	Genesis 16
June 10	“Walking With God”	Genesis 17
June 17	“Laughter”	Genesis 18



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1) How does our society define greatness? How does that compare to God's definition? (Matt. 18:1-4)

2) The call to greatness is a call to faith in Jesus Christ. How does Hebrews 11:1, 6 define faith? How is this call a gracious invitation? Can a person do anything to earn this call?

3) What does it mean that this call to greatness (faith) is a personal invitation? What does it mean to encounter God? (Isa.6; Luke 5:1-11; Jn 1:35-51) Can a person have faith in Christ without surrendering their will? Explain.

4) Why is God blessing Abram? Why does God bless us? What do you think happens if we refuse to be a blessing to others? (Luke 6:38; 2 Cor. 9:6-11)

5) What does it mean to have a relationship with God? How does a person receive this call to greatness? What do you need to do to more fully give yourself to Jesus Christ?