

FAITH LESSONS

Genesis 12:1—14:24

The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you.” Genesis 12:1

1. Read Genesis 12:1–5. What does God call Abram to do? (verse 1) List the things that are promised him as he obeys God’s call. (verses 2–3)

2. God commands; Abram obeys. What is Abram (Abraham) more than once called in Scripture? (James 2:23)

3. What is the greatest fulfillment of the promise that Abram would be a “blessing” (12:2) to all families of the earth? (Romans 9:4–5) Who exactly is blessed? (Galatians 3:6–9)

4. Read Genesis 12:6–9. When Abram gets as far as Shechem, God appears to him and promises to give his descendants the land (verse 7). Why do you think God does this at this point? Share a time when God confirmed his love and care for you as you followed him.

5. What is the extent of the land Abram owns at the time of his death? (Genesis 23:17–20) On what does Abram focus during his time on earth, and what is his attitude? (Hebrews 11:8–10, 13)

6. Read Genesis 12:10–20. Why does Abram pass his wife off as his sister?

7. This moment of Abram’s weakness gives occasion for God to display his own faithfulness as protector of the promise.
 - a. How has Abram’s scheme endangered the promise of an heir?

 - b. What does God do? (Genesis 12:3, 17)

 - c. How does this encourage you (especially as you recall moments of your own failings)?

8. Read Genesis 13:1–18. When the land becomes too crowded for Abram and Lot to live together, what does Abram suggest? How does Lot make his choice? Who else did that? (Genesis 13:6)

9. What does Abram immediately receive from God after his gesture of faith and generosity? (Genesis 13:14–17)

10. Read Genesis 14:1–24. In these wars, Abram leads a victorious army. After the victory, a mysterious priest-king named Melchizedek reminds Abram that this victory is God's victory. What is Abram's response to Melchizedek? Melchizedek is a priest-king without genealogy and without beginning or end; who does he point to? (Hebrews 6:20; 7:15–17).

11. What has Jesus done for you that all the priests and kings who preceded him could not? (Hebrews 7:25).