

Forward by Faith—The Call of Faith

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I. Introduction.

- A. Believers often fail to experience God's best because of a lack of faith.
- B. Text: Genesis 12:1-5.
- C. Our faith is the result of our commitment to God's call.

II. How God works.

- A. The call of faith often times is a call to step out into the unknown.
 - 1. God does not call us to follow Him by reason but by faith.
 - 2. Most do not follow God because they do not take the first step of faith.
 - 3. Abraham went into a place that he did not know.
- B. The call of faith is a call to separation.
 - 1. Most people never follow God because they do not have assurance that everything will be okay.
 - 2. Abraham was called to leave his comfort zone.
 - 3. A comfort zone is where faith falls asleep.
 - 4. Whatever God calls one to is better than what he has because the call of faith is always a call forward.
 - 5. God will never call a person to disobey Him in order to obey Him.
 - a. Abraham never should have taken Lot.
 - b. He suffered the consequences for taking what he should not have.
- C. The call of God always includes the promise of blessing. Security is being in the will of God.
- D. The call of faith will result in testing and trial.
 - 1. Any time a person walks by sight instead of by faith, one sin leads to another.
 - 2. Abraham let his own wife be taken by Pharaoh in order to save himself.

III. Conclusion.

- A. We were created to follow Him.
- B. We should trust God in every circumstance—God wants to provide for us in our “famines.”

Application questions:

1. What do you find yourself fearing about God’s call to live by faith?

2. Why is faith a separation from certain things?

3. What are some areas that you feel God has been calling you to step out in faith? Explain.
