

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 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.
