

# DISCIPLE'S QUEST

*If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31



**April 30, 2023**

**Genesis 12:1-8**

**Tents and Altars: Abraham's Journey of Faith**

## **Main Idea**

The Lord called Abram out of a life of pagan idolatry to Himself and promised to bless him, make a great nation of him and ultimately in him to bless all the families of the world. For his own part, Abram believed, left his old life behind and walked in faith.

## **Outline**

Not exactly an outline, but guideposts to look for along the way

- Abram's call by God
- God's promises to Abram
- Abram's response: faith
- Abram's journey: tents and altars

## Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

- #1 What is the connection between Abraham and Matthew's gospel?
- #2 How would you define biblical faith?
- #3 According to the message, what is the main thing we can learn from Abraham?
- #4 How is Abram's faith authenticated in his story in Genesis 12:1-8?
- #5 In the message, Pastor Vaughn said that God does not call His people to personal sacrifice apart from the promise of even greater blessings. Do you agree?  
  
Why or why not?
- #6 Examine God's promises to Abram in v.v. 2-3. God said "I WILL make you a great nation, I WILL bless you, I WILL make your name great, I WILL bless those who bless you . . . And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed." What significance do you find in these decrees of God?
- #7 How are believers in Jesus today the fruit of God's promise to bless all the families of the earth in Abraham?
- #8 How is Abraham an example to us as worshipers of God?

"Yet the life of faith does not consist of one act of obedience in a single journey to some distant scene. It is an experience continually related to the unseen and the eternal. Its symbol is a tent, its secret is an altar. So it was with Abraham."

Charles R. Erdman

### Select helpful resources:

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