

I AM DEVELOPING NOT DESTITUTE

Genesis 12:4-9

James 1:27, Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Big Idea: God formed our hearts to feel empathy, so we'd understand His desire to turn adversity into victory for the destitute.

Romans 8:14-15, ¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

John 14:23, Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

❖ **We won't know the full extent of God's love toward us UNTIL we learn to be led well by God.**

Hebrews 12:1-2; Proverbs 11:24-25; 1 Corinthians 1:5; Philippians 4:19

Galatians 3:9, So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

How Do We Rely Upon God Through Faith Like Abraham?

- 1) **We live CONFIDENT in God not CONFUSED.** (Genesis 12:1-4)
- 2) **We live DEVELOPED by God not DESTITUTE.** (Genesis 12:1-9)

How To Be Led by God into A Blessed Season

Genesis 12:4-9, ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. ⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. ⁹ Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

1) **We must live in a RELATIONSHIP with God not just RELIGIOUS.** Genesis 12:4

Jeremiah 5:31, The prophets prophesy lies, the priests rule by their own authority, and my people love it this way. But what will you do in the end?

2) **We must live by FAITH and not in FEAR.** Genesis 12:5

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Hebrews 11:8, By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

3) **We must trust God's LEADERSHIP more than our PERSPECTIVE.** Genesis 12:6-7

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Hebrews 11:9, By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country...

Psalms 37:1-6

4) **We must realize God meets our NEEDS through NURTURE.** Genesis 12:6-8

Deuteronomy 7:7-8, ⁷ The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ But it was because the LORD loved you . . .

Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?