



Bible study for the week starting November 5, 2023

## SHARE

When you began following Jesus, what did you leave behind? How did God “clean house” for you?

## READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **John 5:36-47**. It is important when reading scripture to understand that the whole story is about who?
2. Read **Genesis 12:1-3** Why did God choose Abram? Did he have any qualifications?
  - a. Read Deuteronomy 7:7-9 why did God choose Israel?
  - b. Why did God choose you? 1 Peter 2:9
  - c. Hard question: Is the nation of Israel today (created in 1948) the same as the people of Israel in the OT? (NO) Why is this at times confusing?
3. What was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Abraham? Read Galatians 3:6-29
  - i. What does Paul say is the “gospel” in the OT? (v.8 pointing to Jesus)
4. Read **Genesis 12:4-9**
  - a. Abram responds with obedience. How old was Abram? Why did Abram obey? (Hebrews 11:8-19) Would you have faith similar to Abram?
5. Read **Genesis 12:10-20**
  - a. In what ways does this show a lack of faith in God?
  - b. When else does Abraham show a lack of faith? (Gen 16/ Gen 20)
6. “Every saint has a past, every sinner has a future.” Respond to this statement.

## PRAY

Thank the Lord for his choosing us. Calling us to be His own and creating a covenant with us in Christ. Help us to live faithfully as people of the promise.



## “Like Kissing Your Sister”

Genesis 12:1-20

November 5, 2023 – Pastor Ben Schrank

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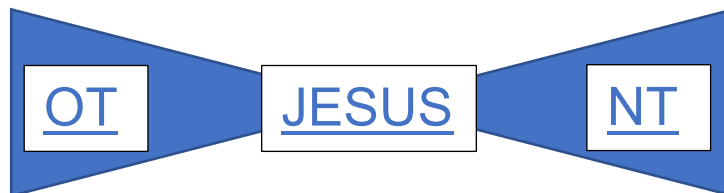
“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about ME,” John 5:39

Genesis 12: story shifts from the PROBLEM to the PLAN.  
God has a way of moving you where He wants you to GO.  
WHY did God choose Abram?

- No LAND.
- Wife was BARREN.
- Came from a family of IDOL WORSHIPPERS.

WHAT did God choose Abram for?

- “All the NATIONS of the earth be blessed through you.” Genesis 12:3



All OT covenants are fulfilled in CHRIST.

“And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's OFFSPRING, heirs according to promise.” Gal 3:29

If you are looking for the “secret code” found in the Bible, you are looking for CHRIST.

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*For next week, read Genesis 18-21*