



## Extending the Weekend: July 14, 2024

### GodStrong 2024 - Lessons in Altar Building

Read: Genesis 12:1-8

(Vs. 1) “Now the Lord had said unto Abram, ‘Get out of your country, and away from your kindred, and from your father’s house, unto a land that I will show you.’”

Sometimes the most difficult choice is to let go of a good thing in pursuit of a God thing.

(Vs. 6) “The Canaanite was then in the land.”

Your promise and provision will always come with its own set of problems.

(Vs. 7) “And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, ‘Unto your seed will I give this land’: and there he built an altar unto the Lord...”

Altars must be built.

Altars are built from the hard, broken, and fragmented pieces of our lives.

The altar is the place where God does alterations.

If you build an altar, then the altar builds you.

No man is greater than his altar.

The altar was an altar of praise.

Praise is focused on the Lord, based on revelation, and proportionate to our knowledge and experience of God.

(Vs. 8) “And he removed from there unto a mountain...”

It is on higher ground that faith finds a new perspective.



(Vs. 8) “He pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Ai on the east...”

Abraham was positioned to both worship and witness.

The altar was an altar of prayer.

Prayer is how we commune and communicate with God.

Prayer opens the door on Earth’s end, so that God may open a window on Heaven’s end.

“Most of my struggles in the Christian life circle around the same two themes: why God doesn’t act the way I want God to, and why I don’t act the way God wants me to. Prayer is the precise point where those themes converge.” -Philip Yancey