

BLESSING THE NATION  
Genesis 12:1-3 (NLT)

❖ The Truth of Today:

- To be BLESSED by God – Be a BLESSING.

❖ To Be a Blessing:

1. You must GO beyond your walls.

*The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."*

Genesis 12:1-3 (NLT)

*So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.*

Genesis 12:4 (NLT)

2. You must STEP OUT in faith.

*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is what the ancients were commended for.*

Hebrews 11:1-2 (NIV)

*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.*

Hebrews 12:8 (NIV)

*The real children of Abraham, then, are all those who put their faith in God.*

Galatians 3:7 (NLT)

*"... through your offspring [seed] all nations on earth will be blessed."*

Genesis 22:18 (NLT)

*"Live here as a foreigner in this land, and I will be with you and bless you. I hereby confirm that I will give all these lands to you and your descendants, just as I solemnly promised Abraham, your father. <sup>4</sup>I will cause your descendants to become as numerous as the stars of the sky, and I will give them all these lands. And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed. <sup>5</sup>I will do this because Abraham listened to me and obeyed all my requirements, commands, decrees, and instructions."*

Genesis 26:3-5 (NLT)

3. You must FOLLOW the example of Jesus.

*And then He told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere."*

Mark 16:15 (NLT)

*"I have been given complete authority in heaven and earth. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)

*"And the Good News about the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then, finally, the end will come."*

Matthew 24:14 (NLT)

*I dare not boast of anything else. I have brought the Gentiles to God by my message and by the way I lived before them. <sup>19</sup>I have won them over by the miracles done through me as signs from God—all by the power of God's Spirit. In this way, I have fully presented the Good News of Christ all the way from Jerusalem clear over into Illyricum. <sup>20</sup>My ambition has always been to preach the Good News where the name of Christ has never been heard, rather than where a church has already been started by someone else. <sup>21</sup>I have been following the plan spoken of in the scriptures, where it says, "Those who have never been told about him will see, and those who have never heard of Him will understand."*

Romans 15:18-21 (NLT)

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