



**Date:** 2-18-2024

**Scripture:** Genesis 12: 1-9 (LSB), 13:14-18

**Sermon Title:** Trees of Testing and Blessing

**Review Genesis 3:**

### **Genesis 12:1-3 LSB**

1 And Yahweh said to Abram, "Go forth from your land, And from your kin And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; 2 And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; 3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

### **Acts 7:2-4 (LSB)**

2 And he said, "Hear me, brothers and fathers! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in

Haran, 3 and said to him, 'LEAVE YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR RELATIVES, AND COME INTO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU.' 4 "Then he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. From there, after his father died, [God] had him move to this country in which you are now living.

## **Definition**

Blessing:

Curses:

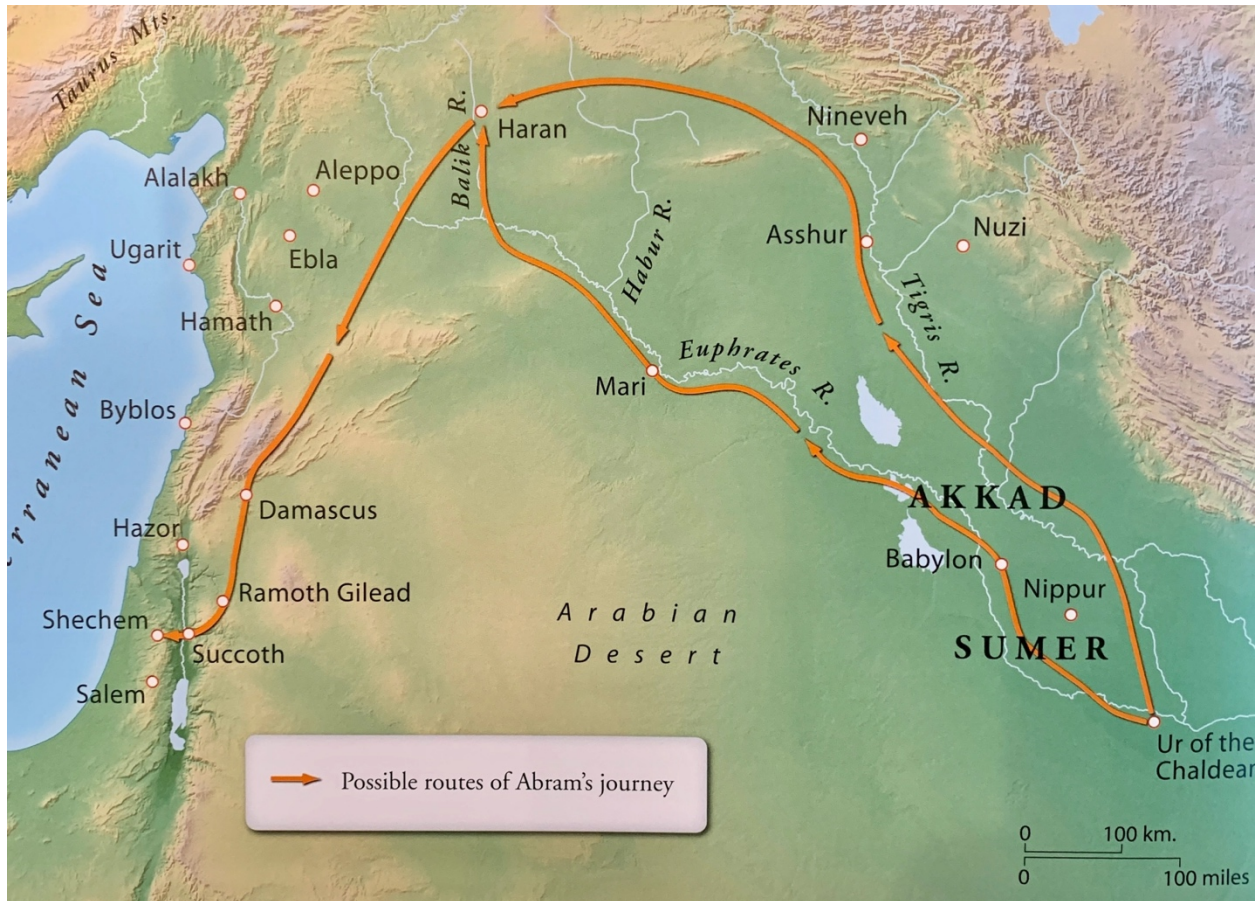
## **Galatians 3:8-9 (LSB)**

8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, proclaimed the gospel beforehand to Abraham, [saying], "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU." 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

**The nations are blessed through \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ.**

## **Genesis 12:4-6 LSB**

4 So Abram went forth as Yahweh had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 So Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go forth to the land of Canaan; thus they came to the land of Canaan. 6 And Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite [was] then in the land.



### Genesis 12:7-9 LSB

7 Then Yahweh appeared to Abram and said, "To your seed I will give this land." So he built an altar there to Yahweh who had appeared to him. 8 Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to Yahweh and called upon the name of Yahweh. 9 And Abram journeyed on, continuing toward the Negev.

### Hebrews 11:8-13 (LSB)

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a

foreign [land], dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise, 10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she regarded Him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore there were born even of one man, and him as good as dead at that, [as many] AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE. 13 All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

**We like Abram are just \_\_\_\_\_ through.**

### **Genesis 13:14-18 LSB**

14 And Yahweh said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; 15 for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your seed forever. 16 "And I will make your seed as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your seed can also be numbered. 17 "Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you." 18 Then Abram moved his tent and came and lived by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he built an altar to Yahweh.

**Abram \_\_\_\_\_ in his faith because God is trustworthy.**

**Three takeaways:**

1. We are all called to be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We will worship what we \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Relationship must exist before \_\_\_\_\_.

**Challenge:**

Practice taking steps of faith.

### **Life Group Questions:**

Get to know you question (optional):

1. Share your best and worst moving stories.
2. Read Genesis Chapter 12:1-9, 13:14-18 (prior to life group): When you read through the scripture take note of anything interesting, unique, or questions that come to mind when reading. Take some time and dig in deeper in the following areas.

Genesis 12:1-9

List the promises made to Abram. (Gen. 12:2-3,7) How many did Abram get to experience in his lifetime? How do you think waiting impacted his faith? Read together Heb. 11:13; Rom. 4:17-22

**The people destroyed in the Flood were noted in (Gen. 6:4) as “men of renown” (lit. “men of a name”).** The people of Babel were destroyed for trying to make a name for themselves (Gen. 11:4). According to God’s promise in (Gen. 12:2), how was Abram going to be different?

3. What are areas in your life that God is calling you to grow your faith? In what ways can you develop or grow in your faith?