

GENESIS

THE BEGINNING OF GOD'S RELENTLESS PLAN

Part 9: Faith that Moves You

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Abraham's journey has 4 giant steps of faith

Step 1: Listening in Faith

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." - Genesis 12:1

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. - Romans 10:17

Step 2: Trusting in Faith

"And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you, I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." - Genesis 12:2

Two key elements of God's promise to Abraham:

Greatness — A great name for Abraham, a great family and a great nation.

Blessing — Personal blessing to Abraham and worldwide blessing through Abraham's royal family.

Some promises we can still trust today in faith:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. - 1 John 1:9

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. - John 10:11

Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.
- Psalm 136:26

Step 3: Moving in Faith

So Abram went as the Lord told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. - Genesis 12:4-5

Faith without works is dead. - James 2:26

Step 4: Dangling in Faith

Sometimes we feel like the world has fallen away beneath us and we're just dangling. In faith we don't just hold on to God, but trust he is holding us.

[Jesus] upholds the universe by the word of his power. - Hebrews 1:3

Next Steps

- If you're ready to take your next step of faith, please come forward after the service and receive prayer from one of our prayer team members.
- Contact Brian Steele (brians@ctk.church) to find a small group and find that you're not alone on your faith journey.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Have you ever been on an adventure that was beyond your comfort zone? Tell us about it.
- 2) Which of Abraham's steps of faith best describes your journey right now? How did you get to where you are?
- 3) Is there a time in your life when you felt like you were dangling by faith? Describe that to us.
- 4) What is one action you can take this week to strengthen your faith in Jesus?
- 5) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the coming week?