

Building your relationship with God daily

Key Scriptures:

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. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ 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.” ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Genesis 12:1-4a

In the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, -Genesis 14:1

¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;

²⁰ and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into
your hand!” -Genesis 14:18-20a

And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. ²¹ And the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself.” ²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have lifted my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, ²³ that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich.’” -Genesis 14:20b-23

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” -Genesis 15:1

Sermon Points:

**Relationship with God proportionately
changes hearts and lives**

- **Relational depth is followed by action,**
- **Requires courage for repentance,**
- **Recognition of God,**
- **Reliance on God, and**
- **Remaining in God**



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Conversation starter. Start light and fun conversation in your group about the series topic.

- What is the silliest thing you have an emotional connection to?

Contemplate. Ask questions to get your group thinking about these principles.

- Read Genesis 12:1-4a. This passage starts with, “Now the LORD said,” and the beginning of verse 4 says, “So Abram went.” How important do you believe acting on what God says is? Why?

Contribute. Ask questions that create personal openness in your group.

- What was the last thing you felt God asking you to do but you chose not to?
- How are you relying on God in certain areas of your life?

Cry out to God. Pray intensely for your group on the topic.

Father, we simply want to grow closer to You every day. Give us the strength to do whatever You call us to. We want to rely on You in all areas of our life. Thank You. It is in Jesus’s name we pray, amen.

Commit to change. What’s a new area to grow with the Lord?

- I will look for anything in my life that might hinder my relationship with God and remove it this week.
- I will recognize God’s work in every victory and write it down to remember.