

# Discovering a Faith Worth Following

**Text:** Genesis 12:1–8

## Introduction

Every one of us follows something or someone. It might be culture, comfort, our own desires, or the expectations of others. But the real question is: **Is what we are following worth it?**

In Genesis 12, we meet Abram—a man called to leave everything familiar and follow God into the unknown. Abram’s story shows us what it looks like to discover and live out a faith worth following.

## 1. Faith Begins with God’s Call (vv. 1–3)

**Genesis 12:1–3** — *“The Lord had said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.’”*

Faith is not something we initiate; it begins with God calling us. Abram was asked to leave security, family ties, and his homeland. God was calling him to something bigger.

## Cross References:

- **John 15:16** — *“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.”*
- **Hebrews 11:8** — *“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.”*

**Application:** A faith worth following means we listen when God speaks—even when He asks us to step out of our comfort zones.

## 2. Faith Trusts God's Promises (vv. 2–3)

God makes incredible promises: *“I will make you into a great nation... I will bless you... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”* Abram had no children, yet God promised a nation.

Faith worth following holds on to God's promises even when circumstances don't make sense.

### Cross References:

- **Romans 4:20–21** — *“Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.”*
- **2 Corinthians 1:20** — *“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ. And so through him the ‘Amen’ is spoken by us to the glory of God.”*

**Application:** When life looks uncertain, do we cling to God's promises or to our fears?

## 3. Faith Obeys in Action (vv. 4–6)

**Genesis 12:4–6** — *“So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.”*

Abram didn't just hear God—he went. Faith is more than belief; it is action based on trust.

### Cross References:

- **James 2:17** — *“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”*
- **Luke 6:46** — *“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”*

**Application:** A faith worth following shows itself in how we live. Do our choices reflect trust in God's Word?

## 4. Faith Leads to Worship (vv. 7–8)

**Genesis 12:7–8** — *“The Lord appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your offspring I will give this land.’ So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.”*

When Abram reached Canaan, the Lord appeared and reaffirmed His promise. Abram responded by building an altar and calling on the name of the Lord. True faith doesn’t just act—it worships.

### Cross References:

- **Psalms 34:1** — *“I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.”*
- **John 4:24** — *“God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”*

**Application:** Worship is the natural overflow of a life surrendered to God’s call.

## Conclusion

Abram’s journey shows us a roadmap of discovering a faith worth following:

1. **Faith begins with God’s call.**
2. **Faith trusts God’s promises.**
3. **Faith obeys in action.**
4. **Faith leads to worship.**

God is still calling us today—not just to believe in Him but to follow Him. Abram’s faith set into motion God’s plan to bless the world through Jesus Christ. The same invitation is extended to us: to leave behind our old life, trust His promises, walk in obedience, and live in worship.

**Closing Challenge:** What step of faith is God calling you to take today? Will you discover in Him a faith worth following?