



Called Out
Gen. 12:1-3, 15:1-6
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I. Intro:

A. Text: **Gen. 12:1-3**

¹ Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. ² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (**Gen. 12:1-3**)

II. Body

A. **God Sought Out Abram**

1. God chose a non-special person, and made him into a people (a nation).
2. God chose that person, not because of the goodness of that person, but because of God's own goodness.
 - a. **Gen. 12:2a**: *I will make you a great nation.*
 - b. **Gen. 12:2b**: *I will make your name great.*
 - c. **Gen. 12:3**: *"I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse those who curse you."*
 - d. *"In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*
3. God chose 1 insignificant person to make His name great in all the earth, from a non-special land.
4. God chose a non-special place: Canaan
 - a. God chose this insignificant place, to break the pride of the nations, and draw them to him.
 - b. He chose a place of utter turmoil and chaos to establish everlasting peace.
5. **Problem**: Abraham was from the land of Ur in the land of the Chaldeans.
 - a. For some reason (that only God knows), God had His eyes on Abram.
 - b. God moved Abram's family from Ur (Iraq) to Haran (Turkey).
6. It was Abram who was lost.

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- a. Trapped in idolatry/paganism.
 - b. Abraham wasn't thinking about God, but God had his eyes on Abraham.
 - 7. God has a track record of looking for folks that aren't looking for Him.

B. God Called Abram

- 1. God made Abram an offer he couldn't refuse.
 - a. God revealed His big plans for Abram.
 - i. *"In you all the nations of the earth will be blessed."*
 - b. God revealed His big plans for this land (He promised to show it to Him later).
- 2. When God invites you into what He is doing, He doesn't always give you the full details.
 - a. God called Abram into what was largely unknown.

III. Body 2

A. The Call of God Invokes a Crisis

¹ *Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. (Gen. 12:1)*

- 1. Disclaimer: In no way is God against family, parents, and places of origin.
- 2. God was inviting this insignificant man to join Him, learn of Him, experience Him, partner with Him in what He was doing.
- 3. The problem is that God very rarely works in our comfort zones.
 - a. God very rarely stays in the little box that we put Him in.
- 4. But you're going to have to leave some things.

B. The Call of God Requires Repentance

- 1. God is a confrontational God.
 - a. He don't mind revealing Himself.
 - b. He wants to be known.
- 2. Knowing Him requires for you to adjust the way you see Him.

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- a. Knowing Him requires you to move your allegiance from others.
 - b. Knowing Him requires you to follow Him out into uncharted territory.
 3. Experiencing God requires you to make a choice that might cost you your comfort.
 - a. It might cost you your way.

C. Knowing God Requires Obedience

¹ Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. (Gen. 12:1)

1. There are some details (of God's plan) that are only understood through obedience.
2. Come on out and follow me.
3. Come on out and follow me, but I won't even tell you where we're going.
 - a. The more we obey God, the more He reveals about His plan.
 - b. The more we say yes, the more He shares with us His heart.
 - c. The more we obey Him, the more He reveals His ways.

IV. Conclusion

A. The reward for our obedience: God.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I [am] your shield, your exceedingly great reward." ² But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house [is] Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" (Gen. 15:1-3)

1. Don't miss the reward!
2. Don't miss God
3. He's been seeking you out.
 - a. Invited you into relationship with Him.
 - b. Invited you to join Him in His plan.
 - c. But it'll require to move, get out, turn.

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- d. The more Abram followed God (in obedience), the more God showed him details.

⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD [came] to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." ⁵ Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." (Gen. 15:4-5)

B. Don't miss God

- 1. He's been seeking you out.
 - a. Inviting you into relationship with Him.
 - b. Inviting you to join Him in His plan.
- 2. But it'll require to move, get out, turn.
- 3. Follow God (in obedience)
 - a. It's our story

6 And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. (Gen. 15:6)

- b. It's how we were born again
- c. It's how we are sanctified.
- d. It's how we live the spirit-filled life.

C. God is calling us out to Himself, from things, comforts, to Him.