

Open It!

What is it like to move, leaving your home, family and friends behind?

Read It!

Genesis 12:1-20

Discuss It!

What did the LORD command Abram to do (12:1)?

Why would it be hard to leave your country, people, and family to live among people you don't know or understand?

What did the LORD promise Abram (12:2-3)?

What actions demonstrated Abram's faith in the LORD (12:4-9)?

What additional promise did the Lord make following Abram's obedience (12:7)?

What would you say is essential to living by faith?

What faithless choices did Abram make (12:10-16)?

Why do you think Abram chose to move to Egypt? Why did this decision lack faith?

Why do you believe Abram chose to lie about Sarah? Why was this a faithless decision?

When are our decisions by faith or apart from faith?

Who suffered because of Abram's faithless choices (12:10-17)?

Did Abram's faithless choices thwart God's plan (12:17-20)?

How different might Abram's choices have been if he had trusted God (12:10-13)?

Use the Study Assistant in your Free Logos Bible Software to ask, "What are the promises of God for the believer in Christ?"

Live It!

What promise of God do you need to trust?

What decision are you making? How might you assess your decision by the counsel of Proverbs 3:5-6?

By Faith: The Life of Abraham

Great Strides and Faltering Steps

Genesis 12:1-20

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Sermon Question

What Does It Mean to Walk by Faith?

Be Willing to Go Where God Calls You to Go!

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 (ESV)

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed

Genesis 12:4 (ESV)

What did Abram leave?

"Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

Mark 10:29–30 (NIV)

Walk by Faith! Trust God's Promises.

Departure Promises (Genesis 12:2-3):

Arrival Promise (Genesis 12:7):

Walk by Faith! Take Time to Call Upon the Lord.

And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord.

Genesis 12:8 (ESV)

Walk by Faith! Not by Your Own Understanding.

Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.

Genesis 12:10 (ESV)

Walk by Faith! Not in Fear!

When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, "Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared."

Genesis 12:13 (ESV)

Walk by Faith! The Lord Is Faithful Even When You...

But the Lord afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. ¹⁸ So Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me?"

Genesis 12:17-18 (ESV)