

# For the journey: Faith

Genesis 12: 1-9 & Hebrews 11: 8-13



Hebrews 11: 1

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”

# Abraham

“God’s first words to Abraham were not encouraging declarations of comfort and peace. Nor even a voice of promise and protection. Instead, God’s voice brought disruption and displacement and caused Abraham and his wife to become wandering nomads...”

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# Genesis 12: 1-9

## The call of Abram

The LORD had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

<sup>2</sup> '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.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,

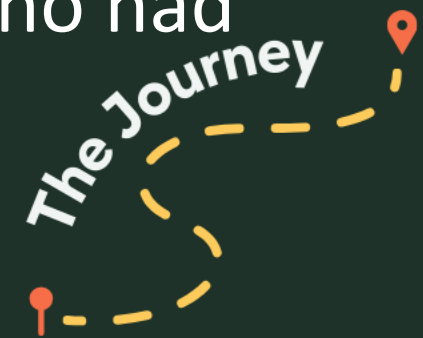
and whoever curses you I will curse;

and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'



## Genesis 12: 1-9

<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> Abram travelled 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. <sup>7</sup> 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.



## Genesis 12: 1-9

<sup>8</sup> From there he went on towards 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.

<sup>9</sup> Then Abram set out and continued towards the Negev.



## Hebrews 11: 8-13

<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.



## Hebrews 11: 8-13

<sup>12</sup> And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

<sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.





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2. God never forgets
3. A 'yet' kind of faith, & a 'yet' kind of people



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Genesis 12: 4

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Hebrews 11: 13

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## 2. God never forgets

Exodus 2: 23-25

“During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning and **he remembered his covenant with Abraham**, with Isaac and with Jacob. So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.”



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### 3. A 'yet' kind of faith, a 'yet' kind of people

Romans 4: 20-21

“Yet he (Abraham) 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.”

