

## Believing God by Faith: Week 2

### The Call to Believe

### Genesis 12:1-7

Gen 12:1 NOW [in Haran] the Lord said to Abram, Go for yourself [for your own advantage] away from your country, from your relatives and your father's house, to the land that I will show you. [Heb 11:8-10.] 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous and distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others]. 3 And I will bless those who bless you [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and curse him who curses or uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families and kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves]. [Gal 3:8.] 4 So Abram departed, as the Lord had directed him; and Lot [his nephew] went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. 5 Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the persons [servants] that they had acquired in Haran, and they went forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the locality of Shechem, to the oak or terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, I will give this land to your posterity. So Abram built an altar there to the Lord, Who had appeared to him. AMP

- True faith must have an OBJECT.
- Faith, in itself, has no POWER.

#### Finding the Path of Faith

There are four aspects in Abram's enlightenment:

1. The REVELATION from God  
The Lord had found the man for His PURPOSE, one He could subject to heavy strains, a man who would regard the doing of God's will as the one IMPORTANT thing in his life.
2. The RESPONSE to God
3. The STATEMENT of Faith  
He had to move from an EARTHLY vision to a heavenly vision.
4. The STEP of Faith  
Abram was told to give up both NATURAL and national ties.  
God did not tell him to take Lot or his family with him.  
PARTIAL obedience is not obedience.

What does Abram's faith teach us?

It's not faith **and** WORKS-----it's a faith that WORKS.

Three types of faith:

- Intellectual
- EMOTIONAL
- Volitional

Heb 11:1-2 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Heb 11:1 NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

1. Faith Is SUBSTANCE

- CONTENT of Faith You only trust what is WORTHY of trust.
- COMMITMENT of Faith
- CHOICE of Faith

Faith is substance and it allows you to see the TRUTH about your problem, and your problem, by faith, allows you to see it as an opportunity to WORSHIP and believe.

2. Faith is SEEKING

Faith is seeking the face of God and not just the HAND of God.

3. Faith is simple DEPENDENCE on God.

Faith is not just what God is going to do, or what He has done, but faith is what He is DOING now!