

Today's Message Outline

The Call of Abram

The Life of Abraham

Genesis 11:30-12:9

Sunday, October 4, 2009

III. PROMISE

1. I will make you a great _____. (12:2)
2. I will _____ you. (12:2)
3. I will make your _____ great. (12:2)
4. You shall be a _____. (12:2)
5. I will _____ those who _____ you. (12:3)
6. The one who _____ you I will _____. (12:3)
7. In you all the _____ of the _____ will be blessed. (12:3)
8. To your _____ I will give this land. (12:7)

The Gospel of God's grace is built upon these

_____ and contains more

_____ for those who respond to God's call.

IV. FAITH

- By faith, Abram _____ the land God has promised.
- By faith Abram _____ the land God has promised.

The Gospel requires a _____ from each of us.

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4 concepts can help us grasp the call of Abram and, at the same time, the nature of the Gospel of grace.

I. BARRENNESS

- No human _____
- No human _____
- No human _____

The Gospel of God's grace exposes and confronts

our own _____.

II. CALL

- A Call to _____
- A Call to _____
- A Call to a _____

The Gospel of God's grace contains a

_____ to _____.

THINK IT OVER !

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1. Read Genesis 11:30-12:1. Describe the flow of the text. What's strange about the way Abram and his family are introduced?
2. How does Sarai's barrenness relate to the condition of humanity after the scattering at Babel? What is the author telling us? What does barrenness represent?
3. Abram actually has two encounters with God. Where are they in the text? How are they similar and how are they different? At what point in the narrative does each occur?
4. What are the 8 promises that God makes to Abram? Are they conditional or unconditional? Do they depend on Abram or on God? (It's a trick question!)
5. What are the evidences of Abram's faith? What does it mean to "call upon the name of the Lord?"

WORK IT OUT!

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1. What was new and most challenging for you in this week's text/message?
2. What can we say is normal about Abraham? What can we say is abnormal about Abram? How does Sarai's condition represent humankind's and our own spiritual condition?
3. Abram was called by the Gospel of God's grace. How does this same Gospel call us? To what are we called?
4. Abraham received promises from God. How are these promises fulfilled by the Gospel? What additional promises are ours because they have been fulfilled?
5. Abraham responded to God's promises and call with radical obedient, worshipping faith. How does the Gospel demand and require a response of faith on our part? What sorts of things are we required to "leave" from? What sorts of things are we required to "go to"?