

Complacent or Courageous

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Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

With your Bible or Youversion.com read Genesis 11:31 - 12:7; Hebrews 11:8-10; Romans 4:3-5

When we think about courageous biblical characters Abraham probably doesn't come to mind. But if you'll read his story you'll find that he led a battle to get back Lot and many others back from their captors. But today we want to look at another way that he demonstrated courage - trusting God when there was no evidence to support His promises.

- What is an instance in your life when you knew that God wanted you to do something and you hesitated or didn't follow through? What kept you from obedience?
- What about a time when you did follow through with something you knew God wanted you to do? What was the difference? How did this effect your faith?
- In Genesis 11:31 we find that instead of continuing toward the land of promise "they stopped in Harran and settled there". Why do you think this might have happened?
- How do you deal with the temptation to settle for something that isn't God's best for you?
- What area of your life do you need to stop saying, "Whatever" and start saying "I'm willing to do what it takes to receive God's promises for my life"?
- Abram left Harran and headed out into the unknown to follow God. How do you react to the unknown? Do you prefer the tried and true? Why?
- Abram was seventy-five. Do you ever use your age as the reason for not changing? Why? Is it an excuse or a valid reason?
- What area of your life do you need to set aside the status

quo and say, "I'm grabbing my stuff and I'm going with God.

- The promise concerning offspring that God makes to Abram seems impossible. Is it easy or hard for you to trust in God's power when it comes to situations that look impossible? Why?
- If you're closest friends or family members where here would they say you are a "can't" or "can" person? Why?
- What area of your life do you need to believe that "all things are possible"?

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Obedience is a key issue in the life of a Christian. It is often through a failure in belief and/or obedience which leads to troubles in our life. The writer of Hebrews and Romans commends Abraham's belief and obedience.

- Do you struggle with allowing God to be in control of your life? Are there some areas that are more difficult than others? Why?
- What changes do you need to make in order to live a life that leaves a legacy rather than being all about the now?

My Next Step Today Is To . . .

- Trust myself into God's hands by receiving Jesus into my life.
- Commit to follow God where ever He leads me, even when the path seems impossible.
- Not settle for "good enough" but to whole heartedly follow God's plan.
- Meditate on and/or memorize Hebrews 11:8

Talk It Over with God:

These prayer tips can guide your time alone with God each day. Praying with a friend or a small group might help you stick to it.

- If you don't know that God has a purpose for you ask Him to give you some insight into that purpose.
- Come before God in an attitude of openness and allow Him to reveal to you any area of disobedience and lack of faith. Repent and call upon the power of the Holy Spirit to help you change.
- Ask God to help you live with the idea of leaving a legacy of faith for your children, grandchildren, and anyone who knows you.