

BIBLE STUDY SERIES



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Topic:
“Becoming a Channel of Blessing”

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Becoming a Channel of Blessing

Lesson #1: Taking the Risk of Total Abandonment

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9

Key Verses: Genesis: 12:1-3

Proposition: We become a channel of blessing when we trust God enough to go where He calls us.

I. The Call to Total Abandonment (Gen. 12:1-3)

- A. God often calls us to leave the people, places, and things that we love the most. (Gen. 12:1)
- B. God sometimes calls us to go places about which we know nothing. (Gen. 12:1)
- C. God always calls us for the benefit of others as well as ourselves. (Gen. 12:2,3)
 - 1. *I will make you a great nation.*
 - 2. *I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.*
 - 3. *I will bless those who bless you, ... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*

II. Our Faith Response (Gen. 12:4-9)

- A. In responding to God's call, we often must leave everything that we love. (Gen. 12:4)
 - 1. We often must leave the land we love for another land.
 - 2. We often must leave the people we love for another people.
 - 3. We often must leave the family we love for another family.
 - 4. We often must leave the inheritance we love for another inheritance.
- B. In responding to God's call, we must depart, without knowing where we are going. (Gen. 12:4; Heb. 11:8)
- C. In responding to God's call, we must go wherever He directs us to go. (Gen. 12:5,6; Heb. 11:9)
- D. In responding to God's call, we will experience His presence. (Gen. 12:7)
- E. In responding to God's call, we must believe His promises. (Gen. 12:7)
- F. In responding to God's call, we must make prayer a priority every where we go. (Gen. 12:7-9)

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Lesson #2: Taking the Risk of Radical Transformation

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 13:14-18

Key Verses: Genesis: 13:15,16

Proposition: We become a channel of blessing when we trust God enough to become what He calls us.

I. The Call to Radical Transformation (Gen. 12-18)

- A. God sometimes calls us to be that which it is impossible for us to be without Him. (Gen. 12:2,7)
 - 1. *I will make you a great nation.*
 - 2. *To your descendents I will give this land.*
- B. God sometimes confirms his calling during the course of divine delays. (Gen. 13-17)
 - 1. *I will make your descendents as the dust of the earth.* (Gen. 13:14-17)
 - 2. *One who comes from your body will be your heir. Your seed shall be as the stars.* (Gen. 15:1-5)
 - 3. *Your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.* (Gen.; 17:1-8)
- C. God calls us to a covenant relationship in which He can make radical changes in our lives. (Gen. 17:9-14)
- D. God sometimes calls our kin to be that which it is impossible for them to be without Him. (Gen. 17:15-19)
- E. God always calls us to a transformation that demonstrates His power & fulfills His purposes. (Gen. 18:1-14)

I. Our Faith Response (Gen. 12-21)

- A. We must declare our utter dependence upon God and our dedication to Him. (Gen. 12:7-9; 13:18)
 - 1. We declare our dedication to God by building altars to Him wherever we go. (Gen. 12:7-9; 13:18)
 - 2. We declare our dependence upon God by calling on His name in prayer and praise. (Gen. 12:8)
- B. We must believe God's promise and receive His imputed righteousness. (Gen. 15:6)
- C. We must resist the tendency to help God during the divine delays. (Gen. 16)
- D. Our kin must believe God's promise and answer His call. (Heb. 11:11)
- E. We must give public witness to our covenant with God by means of a sign or symbol. (Gen. 17:23-27)
- F. We must trust God until He makes us what He has called us to be. (Heb. 11:12; Gen. 21:1-7)

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Lesson #3: Taking the Risk of Ultimate Obedience

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 22:1-19

Key Verses: Genesis: 22:15-18

Proposition: We become a channel of blessing when we trust God enough to do what He calls us.

I. The Call to Ultimate Obedience (Gen. 22:1,2)

- A. God sometimes tests us by calling us to do that which does not make sense to us. (Gen. 22:1,2)
- B. God sometimes tests us by calling us to sacrifice that which is dearest to us. (Gen. 22:1,2)
- C. God always tests us so that we may know the true level of our faith in and love for Him. (Gen. 22:1,2)

II. Our Faith Response (Gen. 22:3-19)

- A. We must obey God even when His commands do not make sense to us. (Gen. 22:3,4)
 - 1. We must obey Him without hesitation or procrastination. (3)
 - 2. We must obey Him even when it requires a lot of effort and time. (4)
- B. We must affirm our faith in God's promise even in the face of impossibility. (Gen. 22:5)
[The lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.]
- C. We must affirm our faith in God's provision even in the midst of uncertainty. (Gen. 22:6-8)
 - 1. *My father...Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? (7)*
 - 2. *My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering. (8)*
- D. We must obey God even if it means sacrificing that which is dearest to us. (Gen. 22:9,10; Heb. 11:17-19)
 - 1. *Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac...the son of promise. (Heb. 11:17,18)*
 - 2. *Abraham concluded that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead. (Heb. 11:19)*
- E. We must obey God in order to prove the level of our faith, reverence and love for God. (Gen. 22:11-12)
- F. We must obey God in order to see and receive God's abundant provisions. (Gen. 22:13-14)
- G. We must obey God in order to be blessed and become a blessing to others. (Gen. 22:15-19)