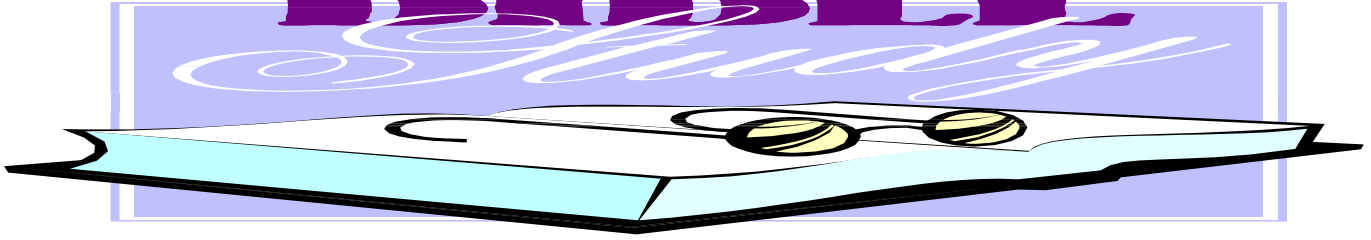


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Topic:
“ Taking Risks to Become a Blessing ”

BIBLE STUDY

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Taking Risks to Become a Blessing

Key Verses: Genesis: 12:1-3

Proposition: Only dynamic faith in God will enable us to take the risks necessary to become a blessing to others.

- I. We become a blessing to others only when we trust God enough to go where He calls us to go.
 - A. **The Call to Total Abandonment** (Gen. 12:1-3)
 1. God sometimes calls us to leave the people, places, and things that we love the most. (Gen. 12:1)
 2. God sometimes calls us to go places about which we know nothing. (Gen. 12:1)
 3. God always calls us for the benefit of others and ourselves. (Gen. 12:2,3)
 - a. *I will make you a great nation.*
 - b. *I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.*
 - c. *I will bless those who bless you ... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*
 - B. **Our Faith Response** (Gen. 12:4-7)
 1. By faith we must go out, often without knowing where we are going. (Gen. 12:4; Heb. 11:8)
 2. By faith we must go to the place where God directs us to go. (Gen. 12:5,6; Heb. 11:9)
 3. By faith we must go to that place in order to experience God and receive His promises. (Gen. 12:7)
- II. We become a blessing to others only when we trust God enough to be what He calls us to be.
 - A. **The Call to Supernatural Transformation** (Gen. 12-18)
 1. God sometimes calls us to be that which it is impossible for us to be without Him. (Gen. 12:7)
 2. God sometimes confirms his calling during the course of divine delays. (Gen. 13:14-17; 15:1-5; 17:1-8)
 3. God sometimes calls our kin to be that which it is impossible for them to be without Him. (Gen. 17:15-19)
 4. God always calls us to a transformation that demonstrates His power & fulfills His purposes. (Gen. 18:1-14)
 - B. **Our Faith Response** (Gen. 15-21)
 1. We must declare our utter dependence upon God and our dedication to Him. (Gen. 12:7-9; 13:18)
 2. We must believe God's promise and receive His imputed righteousness. (Gen. 15:6)
 3. We must resist the tendency to help God during the divine delays. (Gen. 16)
 4. Our kin must believe God's promise and answer His call. (Heb. 11:11)
 5. We must give public witness to our covenant with God by means of a sign or symbol. (Gen. 17:23-27)
 6. We must trust God until He makes us what He has called us to be. (Heb. 11:12; Gen. 21:1-7)
- III. We become a blessing to others only when we trust God enough to do what He calls us to do.
 - A. **The Call to Ultimate Obedience** (Gen. 22:1-2)
 1. God sometimes tests us by calling us to do that which does not make sense to us. (Gen. 22:1,2)
 2. God sometimes tests us by calling us to sacrifice that which is dearest to us. (Gen. 22:1,2)
 3. God always tests us so that others and we may know the true level of our faith in Him. (Gen. 22:1,2)
 - B. **Our Faith Response** (Gen. 22:3-14)
 1. We must seek to obey God even when His commands do not make sense to us. (Gen. 22:3,4)
 2. We must affirm our faith in God's promise even in the face of impossibility. (Gen. 22:5)
 3. We must affirm our faith in God's provision even in the midst of uncertainty. (Gen. 22:6-8)
 4. We must obey God even if it means sacrificing that which is dearest to us. (Gen. 22:9,10; Heb. 11:17-19)
 5. We must obey God in order to prove the level of our reverence and love for God. (Gen. 22:11-12)
 6. We must obey God in order to see and receive God's abundant provisions. (Gen. 22:13-14)

7. We must obey God in order to be blessed and become a blessing to others. (Gen. 22:15-19)