



Rescued - Genesis 12-13

Week Eight: Living Life on Purpose

1. Your purpose begins when you accept _____
_____.
2. Your purpose grows as you _____
_____.
3. Your purpose is lived out _____.
4. Your purpose is interrupted when you take matters _____
_____.
5. Your purpose is reflected in the _____
_____.



Day One: Chosen

We are finally in Genesis 12 where we will meet Abraham. Without any preamble, God chooses one man - Abram - to become the one through whom He shows His steadfast love and eternal commitment. I am so excited to get started with Abram I can hardly stand it. I hope you're ready to be blown away by the story of Abraham.

Let's start by reading Genesis 12:1-9.

Exploring the Text

1. As you read Genesis 12:1, who initiated the call? Did God find Abram, or did Abram find God?
2. What command and promise did the Lord give to Abram?
3. What was Abram's reaction to the call of God?

4. Who did Abram take with him on his journey?

verse

5. Did Abram know where he was going?

Hebrews 11:8

By faith
Abraham obeyed
when he was
called to go out to
a place that he
was to receive as
an inheritance.
And he went out,
not knowing where
he was going.

6. How old was Abram when he left Haran?

Application for
your life?
Record your
thoughts here.

Personal Application

7. When did God call you into a relationship with Himself?
8. Since your salvation, describe a time when God asked you to take a step involving uncertainty or risk?
9. Why do you think believing God is so difficult for so many of us?



Day Two: Worship

Can you get over how God calls Abram out of the blue and promises him the world? There was nothing about Abram that made him special. This story is all about God and His love for us! I get excited just thinking about it!

Let's re-read Genesis 12:1-9 today. Let's pray that God will show us where we need to step out in faith, just like Abraham did, not knowing where God will send us! I want that kind of faith, don't you?

Exploring the Text

1. Try to pick out the 4 elements of the Abrahamic Covenant as listed in vs.2-3. I'll get you started with a hint: the land is one of the elements!
2. Write down the first 9 words of verse 4.
3. Where did Abram set out to go?

did you know

The gospel asks us to turn away from the familiar and live by faith in the One who has prepared a place for us that we can't yet see!

4. In vs. 7, where was Abram when God appeared to him and confirmed His promise?
5. What was Abram's reaction to God's promise in vs.7?
6. Look up the words "Bethel" and "Ai". What do they mean?
7. Where did Abram pitch his tent? Do you see the significance of his decision?

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Personal Application

8. Abram built an altar as an act of worship to God after receiving the blessing. In what ways do you worship God when you receive His promises and blessing in your life?
9. Take a moment and worship the Lord for the blessings and promises He has given you! Write down some of those blessings and share them with your Small Group this week!



Day Three: Obstacles to Faith

Things are going great for Abram. It's smooth sailing from here on out. Or is it? In today's lesson we will see how Abram goes from being a man of faith willing to take great risks for God, to being a man paralyzed by fear as he faces famine and Egypt!

Read Genesis 12:10-20. Pray for spiritual eyes to see what God has for you today.

Exploring the Text

1. What happens in vs.20 that was unexpected and scary?
2. What did Abram do when the famine hit?
3. What did Abram plot to protect himself and his wife during their sojourn into Egypt?
4. What was his motive? You can find it in vs. 13.

5. What happened to Sarai in Egypt?

did you know

6. In vs.17 God steps back into the story. What do you suppose the Lord thinks of Abram's plan?

It's never a good idea to accomplish God's goals your ways. Spiritual goals demand spiritual strategies. Abraham trusted God for his location, but he had a hard time trusting God with his life. Are you guilty of the same thing?

7. How does Pharaoh respond to the Lord?

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Personal Application

8. Have you ever been tempted to take matters in your own hands when faced with a fearful situation?
9. Is there a fearful circumstance in your life right now that is turning you away from God's will for your life?



Day Four: Crossroads

We've already been introduced to Lot, but we haven't thought much about him up until now. In Genesis 13, we will meet Lot at a crossroad.

Unfortunately, Lot is about to make a big mistake. Pray that the Lord teaches you from Lot's story how to make better choices for you life!

Read Genesis 13.

Exploring the Text

1. How had Abram done financially during the first few years of his trek with the Lord?

definition

Crossroad

A road that crosses another road, or one that runs transversely to main roads. The place where roads intersect. A point at which a vital decision must be made.

2. There is a significant change back in Abram's position in vs.2-3. Where does Abram go after he leaves Egypt in Genesis 12?

Application for
your life?
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thoughts here.

3. What problem did Abram and Lot face? Most of us would think that is a great problem to have. But was it?

4. What is strife? What caused it in Genesis 13?

5. What does Abram propose to reduce the strife between Lot's people and his?



Day Five: Decisions

Abram and Lot faced a crossroad. One of them must make a difficult decision. Unfortunately, Lot is about to make a very bad decision. Abram on the other hand, handles the situation with love and grace. Abram's actions show the deep faith he is developing in the Lord.

Oh, that you and I may live our lives with that kind of faith!

Let's study today's passage from Genesis 13.

Exploring the Text

1. In vs.9, Abram gave Lot a choice. What was it?
2. How did Lot make the decision as to which side he would take?
3. What was Lot's main concern when he made his choice?
4. In vs.12, Lot settled very near Sodom. What are we told about Sodom in vs.13?

5. How did Abram respond to Lot's choice? Did he argue with him or try to change his mind?

did you know

6. What do you suppose God thought of what happened to Abram? How can you tell?

Choosing by faith will trump choosing for self every single time.

7. What does God's response to Abram in vs.14-16 remind you about God's character and promises?

8. What does Abram do at the end of Genesis 13?

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your life?
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Personal Application

9. Have you ever ended up with the short end of the stick?
10. How can faith change your outlook as you consider the ways you feel unjustly treated in your life?