Opening

Gathering: Give an example of how God reached out to you when you didn’t expect it. How did you respond?

Today’s Focus: To recognize that God calls us by His grace, just as He called Abram, and we are to respond obediently out of faith, just like Abram.

Key Verses: “I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

By faith Abraham, when called to go … obeyed and went. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. Hebrews 11:8, 10

Opening Prayer

Lesson

The Cycle of Sin / Judgment / Grace (Genesis 3-11)

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The Account of Terah (Genesis 11:27-30)

Who concludes the list of ten generations in Genesis 5?
Genesis 5:3, 32

Who concludes the list of ten generations in Genesis 11?
Genesis 11:10, 26

From what descendant of Shem and ancestor of Terah did the Hebrews (eberi) get their name?
Genesis 11:14

What do we learn about the family of Terah?
Genesis 11:27-30

How was Abram related to Sarai other than marriage?
Genesis 20:12

Terah

Nahor          Haran          Abram          Sarai

Milcah         Iscah         Lot
The Family Goes  (Genesis 11:31-12:1)

Did this family stay in Ur of the Chaldeans after the Tower of Babel incident?
Genesis 11:31-32
Ur
Haran

Why did they leave their great life in Ur?
Genesis 12:1

Did this call from God come to Abram when he was in Ur or in Haran?
Acts 7:2-3

Was God calling Abram to go to Haran or to Canaan?
Genesis 15:7

How long did Abram stay in Haran before going on to Canaan?
Acts 7:4

How old was Abram when he left Haran?
Genesis 12:4

The Call  (Genesis 12:1-3)

What was God's command to Abram?
Genesis 12:1

How was Abram different than the people of Babel?
Genesis 11:4
Genesis 12:2

Why did God ask Abram to go?
Romans 9:4-5

What else did God promise Abram?
Genesis 12:2-3

How were all nations blessed through Abram?
Matthew 1:1, 17
Galatians 3:6-9
Galatians 3:14

Was Abram selected because he was righteous or devout?
Joshua 24:2

Abram's Response  (Genesis 12:4-8)

What was Abram's response to God's call?
Genesis 12:4-5

How could Abram leave his comfortable home and go somewhere he didn't even know?
Hebrews 11:8-10

What new promise did God give after Abram obeyed His first command and arrived in Canaan?
Genesis 12:7a

Why was offspring a significant part of God's promise?
Genesis 11:30 (Acts 7:5)

How could Abram even consider this impossible promise?
Hebrews 11:11-12

Was it easier for Abram to have this faith than for us?
Romans 4:18-22
Abram’s Travels  *(Genesis 12:6-10)*

Where did Abram go from Haran?  
*Genesis 12:6*

How did Abram show his faithfulness to God in Shechem?  
*Genesis 12:7*

Where did Abram go from Shechem?  
*Genesis 12:8*  
Bethel means *house of El*

Where did Abram go from Bethel?  
*Genesis 12:9*

Where did Abram go next, and why?  
*Genesis 12:10*

God’s Chosen Ones in Egypt  *(Genesis 12:10)*

Who else did God send to Egypt?  
*Acts 7:11-15*  
*Matthew 2:13*

Why did God send each of these chosen ones to Egypt?  
*Matthew 2:14-15*

Abram in Egypt  *(Genesis 12:11-20)*

What faith and character qualities did Abram display in Egypt?  
*Genesis 12:11-13*

How well did Abram’s plan work?  
*Genesis 12:14-16*

How did Abram’s lack of faith threaten God’s plan?  
*Genesis 17:19*

How did God handle this threat to His plan?  
*Genesis 12:17-20*

Could Abram’s sins nullify God’s promise?  
*Job 42:2*

The Better Choice  *(Genesis 13:1-13)*

How had things changed for Abram in Egypt?  
*Genesis 13:1-2*

Where did Abram go after reaching the desert land of the Negeb?  
*Genesis 13:3-4*

What problem arose when they settled around Bethel?  
*Genesis 13:5-7*

What solution did Abram suggest that showed his faithfulness?  
*Genesis 13:8-9*

Where did Lot choose and why?  
*Genesis 13:10-11*

How did this apparent best choice turn out to be the worst?  
*Genesis 13:12-13*
God Blesses Abram’s Choice  (*Genesis 13:14-18*)

How did God respond to Abram’s act of faith?  
*Genesis 13:14-15*

What was the problem with this blessing and what did God promise to do about it?  
*Genesis 13:16*

How did Abram respond to the blessing God gave him?  
*Genesis 13:17-18*

 Trouble in Siddim  (*Genesis 14:1-16*)

What happened at this time in local politics where Lot went to live?  
*Genesis 14:3-4* (1-4)

What happened as a result of this decision?  
*Genesis 14:8* (5-9)

How did this battle in the Valley of Siddim turn out?  
*Genesis 14:10-11*

How did this affect Lot and his family?  
*Genesis 14:12*

How did Abram respond to the news about his nephew being captured?  
*Genesis 14:13-14*

How did Abram fare against the four powerful armies?  
*Genesis 14:15-16*

To God Be the Glory  (*Genesis 14:17-24*)

Who met Abram in the Valley of Shaveh (south of Bethel) on his way back home to Hebron?  
*Genesis 14:17*

Who else met him there from the nearby town of Salem?  (Salem was later known as Jerusalem)  
*Genesis 14:18-20a*

Besides having a name that means “king of righteousness”, what was special about Melchizedek?  
*Hebrews 6:20-7:3* (7:1-22)

How did Abram respond to Melchizedek?  
*Genesis 14:20b*

How did Abram respond to a reward from the king of Sodom?  
*Genesis 14:21-24*

Closing Prayer

**Response**

1. How can I recognize a call from God?  
(*Genesis 12:1-4; 1 Samuel 3; Isaiah 6:8; John 8:47; 1 John 4:1-3; Revelation 3:20*)

2. Do I respond in faith when God calls me for something I don’t see or know?  (*Hebrews 11; Genesis 12:4; 22:2-3; 1 Samuel 15:22; Matthew 7:21; James 1:22-25; 1 Peter 1:10-12*)


4. Do I make choices that are in line with God’s plan, or do I make my own plans ignoring God’s will?  (*Genesis 13:10-13; Deuteronomy 18:19-20; 1 Kings 3:9; Luke 10:41-42; Romans 7:15-25*)


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