



Demonstrating Faith by Going Forward with God

INTRODUCTION: We all understand the importance of moving forward, but we often struggle with doing so. Far too many are stuck in the pain of the past or simply stagnant in the present. However, God wants more for us than that. He invites all of us to go forward with Him. Let's discuss how we can go forward with God today.

READ: Hebrews 11:8-16, Genesis 12:1-4

DISCUSSION:

1. OPT #1 - Have you ever moved to a new city or a new home? If so, which move do you remember the most? What was exciting about the move? What was difficult? How do you think Abraham could relate to your experience? OPT #2 - If not a literal move, describe a time where God was directing you to move "out of your comfort zone." What was challenging about it? What was comfortable about where you were? What was the outcome?
2. According to Philippians 3:13-14, what was Paul's key to continually living by faith? How was this similar to God's call to Abraham?
3. Why did God call Abraham to leave his family and homeland? How is this similar to God's call for believers in 2 Corinthians 6:14-18?
4. What difficulties might Abraham have faced in responding to God's call? How have you personally faced these same challenges?
5. In addition to a powerful call, what else did God give to Abraham? How do you think this impacted him? How do God's promises impact your everyday life?
6. God's commands are always accompanied by His promises. Read each of the following Scriptures, identifying both the command and the promise(s):
 - Malachi 3:10
 - Matthew 28:19-20
 - Matthew 6:33
 - Philippians 4:6-7
 - Matthew 11:28
 - Acts 2:30
 - Can you think of any others?
7. What were God's specific promises to Abraham?
 - a. How did God fulfill them and is still fulfilling them today?
 - b. What does this teach us about God's promises?
8. How did Abraham respond to God's call?
 - a. How did God reward his faith?
 - b. According to Romans 4:23-25, how will God reward our faith?

MAKE IT SO: If God is calling you to move out of your comfort zone in a particular area of your life so that you can more fully move forward with Him by following and demonstrating faith!

READING LIST: **Monday:** 1 Corinthians 1:25-31 / **Tuesday:** 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 / **Wednesday:** Genesis 15:1-7
Thursday: Galatians 3:6-14 / **Friday:** Galatians 3:16-29 / **Saturday:** Romans 4:1-12 / **Sunday:** Romans 4:13-25