

Genesis 12:1-20

Series – Stories from the Beginning

Message – The Call of Abram

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- This story is about:
  - 1) God's \_\_\_\_\_ to a specific person.
  - 2) God's \_\_\_\_\_ in issuing that call.
  - 3) God's \_\_\_\_\_ to advancing his purpose in the world.

### **God's Call: A Call to Faith**

- Genesis 12:1
- Go – leave, determinedly disassociate yourself
- The call is to \_\_\_\_\_ everything and everyone Abram knows for a destination yet to be announced.

- **God's Purpose: To Bless All People**

- Genesis 12:2-3
- That makes this story, the call of Abram, the first step in God's intentional approach of reaching out to people who had wandered \_\_\_\_\_ Him for the purpose of blessing them and inviting them home \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
- "If there is such a thing as an interpretive key which opens doors of understanding in both the Old and New Testaments, then that key is right here." – Bethel Bible Series

### **God's Approach: A Coalition of Ordinary People**

- Abram – spiritual superhero or ordinary person?
- This \_\_\_\_\_ between belief and behavior is a rough edge that God is filing down in all of us.
- God is committed to using \_\_\_\_\_, bumbling people like Abram, you, and me, to advance his good and redemptive purpose in the world.
- The cadence of faith is revelation and response.

### **How will you respond to God's word today?**

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### **Reflection Questions**

1. How have you experienced God's call in your life?
2. When and where in your life have you sensed the Lord prompting you to move toward something that is not yet fully clear? Did you do it? How was it?
3. What does this story from Genesis tell us about God, and how does it function as an interpretive lens for the rest of scripture?
4. Is it easy or hard for you to believe that in Christ, you are part of God's redemptive community on earth?
5. Brainstorm together examples you have seen of the church as a redemptive community. Where do you see this play out in real life?
6. What captured your attention in the scripture or message?
7. What might God be saying to you?
8. What are you going to do about it?