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*“The Lord had said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.’”*

### **I. The Call of God to Abram (Gen . 12:1)**

- A. God calls Abram to “go from” (*yalak*)
- B. God calls Abram to trust Him with his future home (Heb. 11:1)
- C. God (*Yahweh*) is the ONE God in the midst of many gods (6,510 times)
- D. Yahweh speaks to Abram – sets him apart – calls him to God’s service

### **II. The Promise of God to Abram (Gen. 12:2,3)**

- A. Faith is always built on a promise! Hope that leads forward!
- B. Six parts of God’s Promise:
  - 1) “I will make you into a great nation,
  - 2) and I will bless you;
  - 3) I will make your name great,
  - 4) and you will be a blessing.
  - 5) I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;
  - 6) and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

### **III. The Courage of Abram (Gen. 2:4 – 6)**

- A. Faith always requires great courage!
- B. Statement of faith – “So Abram went as the Lord had told him”
- C. Abram and his clan traveled over 1,000 miles to arrive at Shechem
- D. The Canaanite problem! – Faith does not remove problems – God takes us through them!

### **IV. The Confirmation of God to Abram (Gen. 2:7-8)**

- A. At Shechem (“shoulder”) the Lord speaks again to Abram with promise #7
  - 7) “To your offspring I will give this land.” (currently occupied by enemies)
- B. The Lord confirms our steps on the faith journey:
  - 1) His Word, 2) His people, 3) His Spirit, and 4) His timing/circumstances
- C. His response both at Shechem and Bethel (“House of God”) is to build an altar to worship
- D. Confident worship - “He called on the name of the Lord”
- E. Faith is trust in a person not an outcome or a blessing!