

Why God Blesses
Beyond Borders – Part 2
Life Church St. Louis – October 8, 2017
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Proverbs 28:1 (ESV) The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.

James 1:17a (ESV) Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights ...

Deuteronomy 11:26-28a (ESV) “See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God,

1. God calls believers to _____

Genesis 12:1 (ESV) Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country ...

A. Going also means _____

Genesis 12:1 (ESV) Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.

B. Leave behind your _____ life

Matthew 4:19-20 (ESV) And he [Jesus] said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

2. God blesses _____

Genesis 12:4-5 (ESV) So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan.

A. God makes great _____

Genesis 12:2a (ESV) And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great ...

B. Blessing comes through _____

Galatians 3:9 (ESV) So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

3. God blesses so that you will bless _____

Genesis 12:2b-3 (ESV) ... I will bless you [Abram] and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

A. _____ God for His blessing

Genesis 12:7 (ESV) Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

B. Receive the blessing of the _____

Galatians 3:14 (ESV) ... in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

C. Be a _____ by His Spirit

Acts 1:8 (ESV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

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Intro. Why does it take boldness to be a missionary and witness for Jesus (Proverbs 28:1)?

What does it mean to be blessed (James 1:17)?

Who does God bless (Deuteronomy 11:26-28)?

1A. In what ways was Abram the first missionary in the Bible (Genesis 12:1)?

1B. What did Abram have to sacrifice in order to obey God (Genesis 12:1)?

1C. What must a person leave behind in order to go and follow Jesus (Matthew 4:19-20)?

1D. Why must every follower of Jesus be a witness for Jesus (Matthew 4:19, Matthew 28:18-19, Luke 19:20)?

1E. How can a believer in St. Louis be a witness by going to reach the lost? What must they leave behind in order to go?

2A. How did Abram's journey from Ur (Iraq) to Haran (Turkey) to Canaan take great faith (Genesis 12:4-5, Acts 7:2-4)?

2B. What blessing did the Lord promise Abram for obedience (Genesis 12:2a)?

2C. How do faith and obedience work together (Galatians 3:6-9)?

2D. How does giving offerings to missions above your tithe take faith?

3A. Why did God bless Abram (Genesis 12:2b-3)?

3B. How will God's promise to Abraham ultimately be fulfilled (Genesis 12:7, Hebrews 11:8-13)?

3C. How can believers today receive the blessing of Abraham (Galatians 3:14, Luke 11:13)?

3D. What is the purpose of the blessing of Spirit baptism (Acts 1:4-5, 8)?

3E. How does Spirit baptism make possible the fulfilling of God's promise to Abraham (Acts 2:17, 38-39)?

3F. How can prayer release God's blessing to the lost?

3G. What hinders some believers from praying privately and corporately for the lost?