

# God's Call for Fathers

## Abraham: Hearing God's Call – Part 1

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*Ephesians 6:4 (ESV) Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

*Romans 4:11 (ESV) He [Abraham] received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well,*

### 1. Called to \_\_\_\_\_

*Hebrews 11:8 (ESV) By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.*

#### 1A. Go to a \_\_\_\_\_ place

*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.*

#### 1B. Become \_\_\_\_\_ of many

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

#### 1C. Be a \_\_\_\_\_ to your world

*Genesis 12:3 (ESV) 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.*

*Genesis 12:4 (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.*

### 2. Called to \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2A. Worship despite \_\_\_\_\_

*Genesis 12:6-7 (ESV) Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 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.*

#### 2B. \_\_\_\_\_ is part of worship

*Genesis 12:8 (ESV) From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD.*

### 3. Called to \_\_\_\_\_

*Genesis 12:10 (ESV) Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.*

#### 3A. Don't resort to \_\_\_\_\_

*Genesis 12:11-13 (ESV) When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, "I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake."*

#### 3B. Deception brings \_\_\_\_\_

*Genesis 12:15, 17 (ESV) And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. ... But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.*

#### 3C. God will \_\_\_\_\_ you

*Genesis 12:19 (ESV) Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go."*

### Action Plan for This Week

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

☐ Invite a friend for our series **Hearing God's Call** next Sunday.

☐ How will I obey God's Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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# **God's Call for Fathers Study Guide**

## **Abraham: Hearing God's Call – Part 1**

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Intro. According to Ephesians 6:4, how are fathers to raise their children?

What are children's responsibility to their fathers (Ephesians 6:1-3)?

How was Abraham the father of all who believe (Romans 4:11)?

1A. Describe the faith that Abraham had according to Hebrews 11:8.

1B. What did Abram have to give up to obey God (Genesis 12:1)?

1C. What was God's mission for Abram (Genesis 12:2)?

1D. What were God's promises to Abram (Genesis 12:3-4)?

1E. How does God's mission for our lives call us to new places?

2A. What opposition did Abram face to believe God's promises (Genesis 12:6-7)?

2B. In what ways was prayer essential to Abram's mission (Genesis 12:8)?

2C. How can prayer protect you as you follow God's mission (Philippians 4:6-7)?

3A. Do you think that Abram going to Egypt was part of his mission (Genesis 12:10)? Why or why not?

3B. Why did Abram lie about his wife Sarai (Genesis 12:11-13)? How did Abram's deception threaten his mission?

3C. Why did the Lord send plagues on Pharaoh's household (Genesis 12:15-17)?

3D. How did God protect Abram and the mission despite Abram's failure (Genesis 12:18-19)?

3E. What should we do when we fail to trust God and go off mission?