Journey towards the Cross

Topic:
Faith begins when we step out
Bible portion:
Genesis 12:1-9
Focus:
The call: Faith begins when we step out.

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A daily devotional for lent season

40-Day Gospel Reading Plan

Bible Readings for Today

Matthew 15-17

Have you Read your Bible today?

Memory Verse for the day

Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Matthew 16:24 (ESV)

Quote

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

- Martin Luther

Faith Begins at the Door

The story of Abram (later Abraham) is often cited as the gold standard of faith, but we frequently gloss over the most uncomfortable part: the departure. Before he was the "Father of Nations," he was just a man asked to leave everything familiar for a destination he hadn't seen.

The Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9

The passage opens with a command that offers no roadmap, only a promise:

"Leave your country, your people, and your father's household and go to the land I will show you." (v. 1)

Abram's response wasn't a series of clarifying questions or a request for a budget proposal. The text simply says, "So Abram went."

The Call: Faith Begins When We Step Out

In our modern world, we love "informed consent." We want the data, the 5-year plan, and the GPS coordinates before we commit. But biblical faith rarely works in reverse. We often wait for a feeling of certainty before we move, while God often waits for our movement before He reveals the next step.

Why stepping out is the catalyst for faith:

1. It requires a shift in security: Abram had to trade his "father's household" (his safety net) for God's promise. Faith isn't just believing God

exists; it is trusting Him enough to let go of what we've built for ourselves.

2. The "Show" comes after the "Go": God told Abram He would show him the land after he started walking. Direction is often a by-product of obedience, not a pre-requisite for it.

3. Worship in the Wilderness: Even before Abram owned a single square inch of the land, he built altars to the Lord (v. 7-8). He practiced gratitude in the "in-between" stage.

Relevance for Today

Lent is our "wilderness" season—a time to strip away the distractions that give us a false sense of security. You might feel a "call" that isn't about moving across the globe but about stepping out in other ways:

1. Stepping out of a habit that keeps you stagnant.

2. Stepping out of a grudge through the act of forgiveness.

3. Stepping out of silence to advocate for someone in need.

Faith isn't a stagnant pool; it's a journey. If you're waiting for the fear to vanish before you act, you might be waiting forever. Faith is what happens when you decide that the One calling you is more reliable than the comfort you're leaving behind.

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for the example of Abram, who traded the known for the promised. During this Lenten season, give us the courage to step out from behind our excuses and our fears. If there is a "land" You are calling us to—a new way of living, a difficult conversation, or a deeper surrender—strengthen our knees to take that first step. Remind us that Your presence is our true home, no matter where the path leads. **Amen.**

Rev. P. Abraham

Prayer Point

Pray for those who are writing 10th Board exams.