

Day 8: Bible Journeys - Abram leaves his homeland

Quote

I challenge you to make your life a masterpiece. I challenge you to join the ranks of those people who live what they teach, who walk their talk. Tony Robbins

Bible Verse

Abram leaves his homeland Genesis 12:1-9

I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

Genesis 12:2

Inspiration

[The Voice translation](#) and notes

12 One day, the Eternal One called out to Abram.

Eternal One: *Abram*, get up and go! Leave your country. Leave your relatives and your father's home, and travel to the land I will show you.^[a] *Don't worry—I will guide you there.* ² I have plans to make a great people from your descendants. And I am going to put a *special* blessing on you and cause your reputation to grow so that you will become a blessing *and example to others.* ³ I will also bless those who bless you *and further you in your journey*, and I'll trip up those who try to trip you *along the way.* *Through your descendants*, all of the families of the earth will find their blessing in you.^[b]

[Out of all the descendants of Noah, God chooses Abram to have a special relationship with Him. He calls Abram to enter into a particular kind of relationship that changes the course of his life and the lives of his people forever. God has a plan to rescue the world from sin and destruction, and that plan begins with one man. He promises to make Abram a great nation, to bless and protect him, and ultimately to bring true and lasting blessing to the world through his children. To enter into that promise, Abram must do something daring; he must leave everything he knows and put his trust in God.]

⁴⁻⁵ *Without any hesitation*, Abram went. He did exactly as the Eternal One asked him to do. Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran. He took with him his wife Sarai, his brother's son Lot, all of their possessions, and all of the persons they had acquired *for their household* while in Haran; and they all set off toward the land of Canaan. When they reached Canaan, ⁶ Abram kept going through it to a *sacred* place called Shechem where the oak of Moreh stood. (At this time, the Canaanite people were living on this land, *so Abram could not take it as his own.*) ⁷ There the Eternal appeared to Abram.

Eternal One: I am going to give this land to your future generations.^[c]

So, *out of honor and respect*, there Abram built an altar table to the Eternal One, who had appeared to him *and spoken these words of promise*.⁸ After that, Abram traveled on to the hill country east of Bethel, and there he pitched a tent *and made a home for himself and his family* between Bethel in the west and Ai in the east. Here Abram built another altar table for the Eternal One, where he called upon the name of the Eternal *frequently*.⁹ Then Abram journeyed *south* toward the Negev region.

Journaling

Abram was obedient to God's instruction and stepped out in faith to go somewhere new. You may not have left your homeland but in what situations have you stepped out in faith?

Technique Challenge

Today's technique is using watercolour paint and salt. You can use table salt, rock salt or dish washer salt. You don't need the clingfilm today so you don't need to watch the second half of the video. We're going to do that technique later in the month.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nLIWAUwDLBU>