

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

Warming up

1. What's the biggest faith step you ever took? What did that journey look like?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. According to Matthew 1:1-2, what did Jesus' genealogy look like?
3. Let's start by looking at Abram's family. Please read Genesis 11:26. Who was Abram's father?
  - a. According to Joshua 24:2, what did Abram's father spiritual life look like?
  - b. Do you find it surprising that Abram, the man who becomes Abraham, a friend of God, comes from a home where idols were worshipped? What does this tell you about God's ability to redeem?
4. Please continue to read Genesis 11:27-28. How many brothers did Abram have?
  - a. Where did Haran die?
  - b. Who was Haran's son?
5. According to Genesis 11:29-30, what was the name of Abram's wife and what does verse 30 tell us about her?
  - a. According to Genesis 11:31, where did this family move from, and where were they headed?
6. Please read Genesis 12:1. What did God ask Abram to do?

- a. Do you think it would have been difficult for Abram to leave his country, land, and family?
  - b. Read Acts 7:1-5. What does this say about Abram's faith and obedience to God?
7. Pastor Ruben said, "Don't ever determine God's best plan for your life by your level of comfort. Your greatest level of happiness will come from the moments when you take action and risk stepping out of your comfort." Can you share a time when you felt God called you to do something that was out of your comfort zone?
8. According to Genesis 12:2-3, what was the promise to Abram? In light of Sarai being barren, do you think Abram thought this promise would occur in his lifetime?
- a. According to Isaiah 51:1-2, what do we learn about God?
9. According to Genesis 12:4-7, what did Abram do?
- a. What did the Lord do? What was Abram's response? Keep reading Genesis 12:8-9.
10. Extra Credit...Where was Abram forced to go, and what happened in Genesis 12:10-20?

### Application

Below are some of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Every person has a CALLING of God on their life.
- Don't ever determine God's best plan for your life by your level of comfort.
- Your greatest level of happiness will come from the moments when you take action and risk stepping out of your comfort.
- "Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One Who is leading."  
- Oswald Chambers
- Your past does not determine what future God has for you.