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Abraham

Genesis 12-25

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The Call

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. "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: 1-2

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Abraham's Response

So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. Genesis 12:4-5

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You cannot follow God in neutral. God created you to do something . . . Too often we want it clear and uncomplicated, but God simply does not work like that. For a lot of us the most spiritual thing we can do is to do something - to turn right when we want to turn left. . . When we fail to choose, we choose to fail."

Erwin McManus "Chasing Daylight"

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Egypt

Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe. As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are. When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live. Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you."

Genesis 12:10-13

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When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that she was a very beautiful woman. And when Pharaoh's officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace. He treated Abram well for her sake...

But the LORD inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai. So Pharaoh summoned Abram. "What have you done to me?" he said. "Why didn't you tell me she was your wife? Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her to be my wife?"

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Gen 14 - Abram lets Lot have good land, then risks his life to rescue him when captured.

Gen 15- God reaffirms his covenant,

Gen 16 - Abram has a child with a servant, because he doesn't trust God.

Gen 17 - Abram circumcises himself and changes his name showing commitment.

Gen 21 - Isaac born

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The Test

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. Genesis 22:2-3

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The Result

I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Genesis 22:16-17

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God is faithful, trust Him
through all our ups and
downs

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Are we moving toward God?

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What is keeping us from
moving forward?

Sex?

Pride?

Time?

Money?

Alcohol?

Media?

Image?

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