

In a Nutshell...

- Faith is borne of _____ and proclamation
- Faith is demonstrated in _____
- Faith is rewarded with _____

What does Scripture say? “Abraham **believed God**, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”



Canaan Bound - Andrew Peterson

Sarah, take me by my arm
Tomorrow we are Canaan bound
Where westward sails the golden sun
And Hebron's hills are amber crowned
So bid your troubled heart be still
The grass, they say, is soft and green
The trees are tall and honey-filled
So, Sarah, come and walk with me
Like the stars across the heavens flung
Like water in the desert sprung
Like the grains of sand, our many sons
Oh, Sarah, fair and barren one
Come to Canaan, come
I trembled at the voice of God
A voice of love and thunder deep
With love He means to save us all
And Love has chosen you and me
Long after we are dead and gone
A thousand years our tale be sung
How faith compelled and bore us on
How barren Sarah bore a son
So come to Canaan, come
Where westward sails the golden sun
And Hebron's hills are amber crowned
Oh, Sarah, take me by my arm
Tomorrow we are Canaan Bound

God Bless You - Genesis 12.1-9
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Observations from the text:

Vs 1 -- The Lord spoke to Abram

- Reminiscent of the creation account
- How did Abram know that it was YHWH?
- What did Abram know about YHWH?

Vs 2-3 -- God makes Abram an offer he can't refuse

- The promise has seven components to it:
 1. I will make you into a _____
 2. I will bless you
 3. I will make your name great
 4. you will be a _____
 5. I will bless those who bless you
 6. whoever curses you I will curse
 7. all peoples on earth will be blessed through you

Vs 4-5 -- Faith is demonstrated by action - Abram leaves

- He was 75...
- He left with his household
- He went to _____

Vs 6-7 -- God appeared to him there

- The great tree of _____ and _____ seem to be known to the culture
- The fact that the _____ were in the land reveals inhabitants that were pagan who were actively worshipping there and had altars but to who or what?

Vs 8-9 -- Abram moved further on and built another altar

- He began to call on the name of the Lord; in other words engage in some sort of worship ritual
- Then he went south

What Can we Learn About God?

1. God reveals His _____: I will show you...

But Abram believes before seeing

Hebrews 11.1; 2Corinthians 5.7

2. God asserts His _____: I will make you...

This is God's action in Abram's life

Ephesians 3.20-21

3. God shares His _____: I will bless you...

To be blessed means to be highly favored or confer God's favor/grace

Matthew 5.1-11

The Challenge

1. We are invited to go on a _____; we are called to follow Christ

This can seem incredible -

The calling of Matthew - Matthew 9

2. We are called to be _____; we have to get up and go

Not everyone can do this -

The rich young ruler - Luke 18

3. We are challenged to believe that God can and will deliver on his _____

Trust and obey, there's no other way -

the example of Abram - Romans 4