

ABRAHAM: ONE NOMAD'S AMAZING JOURNEY OF FAITH

A Classic Series

Going . . . Not Knowing

Genesis 12:1, 4–6; Hebrews 11:8–10



LET'S BEGIN HERE

Moving isn't easy . . . especially when we've lived in the same place for a long time. Besides all the packing, loading, unloading, and unpacking, we face the difficulty of saying goodbye to those we love, leaving the familiar, and adjusting to the unfamiliar. But what about moving, not just to the unfamiliar, but to the *unknown*? For most, that would be downright terrifying. Yet this is exactly what God called Abram to do. How could he do it? Why would he want to? The answer is found in one word: *obedience*.



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1. One of God's Favorite Techniques

One of God's favorite techniques to stir us toward faith and obedience is *surprise*. Think of the many surprising ways God worked among His people throughout the Old Testament:

- Noah and the flood
- Moses sent to liberate and lead the Israelite slaves
- Joshua's triumph at Jericho
- Jonah preaching to Nineveh
- Daniel in the lions' den



Quotable

*We all like our
lives to stay the
same. The problem
is, God doesn't.
We can't grow
without change.*

— Charles R. Swindoll



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2. The Way God Guided Abraham

In faith and obedience to God's calling, Abram was going but not knowing. Consider the surprising details of God's call.

- It originated in a secure setting. (Genesis 12:1)
- It started with a clear command. (12:1)
- It led to an uncertain destination. (Hebrews 11:8)
- It called for an obedient response. (Genesis 12:4)



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LET'S LIVE IT

God's surprising call for Abram to go without knowing should prompt us to ponder three questions concerning our own responses to the will of God for us, regardless of our life circumstances:

- Are you seeking God's will deliberately and passionately?
- Are you willing to go just as much as to stay?
- Are you making the decision more simple or more complicated?

Read Hebrews 12:1. As you've considered how God may be uniquely calling you at this time, what complicating clutter—possessions, priorities, or pursuits—may be hindering you from simply trusting God and obeying His call?



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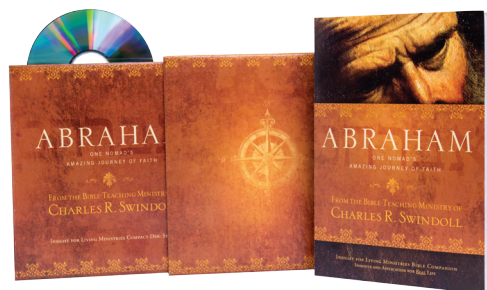
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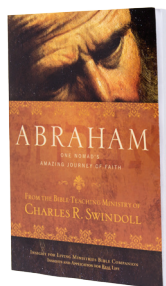
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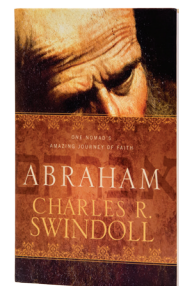
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