

# Preparation & Even More

Personal Bible Study for Weekend of October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013

(To Be Available Weekend of October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013)

God Chooses a People

## Monday & Tuesday

### 1. A Plan of Blessing – Read Genesis 12:1-3

- *If you were faced with a decision like Abram's, what would you do? Would the potential payoff be worth the risk?*
- *What, in your estimation, makes a nation "great?" Is it strength and power, or is it something else?*
- *Why do you think God required Abram to leave in order to be blessed? Couldn't he have blessed Abram right where he was?*
- *Do you ever desire for your name to be great? Do you desire it for your sake, or for God's? Have you ever shared this desire with anyone?*
- *Abram was called to give up community, security, and identity to follow God's plan of blessing. Though God's plan for blessing you might well be different than it was for Abram, has He nonetheless asked you to give up community, security, and/or identity to follow Him? If so, how?*

## Wednesday & Thursday

### 2. A Response of Obedience – Read Genesis 12:4-9

The following articles relate to this lesson and are contained in this packet for your reading. You do not have to read all these articles in one sitting, but intersperse them throughout the week's study.

- *"Abraham's Homeland"*
- *"Abram's Travels"*
- *"Abraham's Family: An Overview"*
- *"Abraham: The Beginning of a New Faith"*
- *"Covenant as a Biblical Theme"*
  
- *Abram could have used his age, home responsibilities, extended family responsibility, logistics,*

*and/or an uncertain destination as excuses, yet he chose a response of obedience. Which of these potential excuses would most likely hinder you from a response of obedience (or suggest one of your own)? Explain.*

- *As a 75-year-old, would you be up for leaving your home like Abram did?*
- *In your life, who is the “Lot” you’d take with you in a situation like this?*
- *If you had to pack for a journey like Abram’s, what possessions would you take with you?*
- *When have you “built an altar” to God? What markers in your life remind you of God appearing to you?*
- *What would it be like if God appeared to you the way He did to Abram? Would that change your faithfulness or obedience to Him?*

## **Friday & Saturday**

### **3. A Relationship of Faith – Read Genesis 15:1-20**

- *Abram believed the Lord. What evidence does your life present of a relationship of faith with God?*
- *Is it as easy for you as it was for Abram to believe the Lord? Why or why not?*
- *In verse 8, is Abram doubting or asking for clarification? Why does that matter?*
- *In light of verse 13, do you think Abram’s obedience was worth it? Would it be worth it to you?*
- *If you could rephrase this exchange in this passage between God and Abram in modern language, how would it read?*
- *God chose Abram to father his people, yet Abram had to choose to fully trust and obey God. Are you willing to likewise trust and obey God? If so, express that willingness to God in prayer.*

**Pray for Pastor Jim's Message  
weekend of October 20th**