

Gen 11:27-12:9 | *Faith in God for the Future*

Gen 11:27-28, 31-32

²⁷ This is the account of Terah's family line. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran. And Haran became the father of Lot. ²⁸ While his father Terah was still alive, Haran died in Ur of the Chaldeans, in the land of his birth. [...] ³¹ Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they came to Harran, they settled there. ³² Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Harran.

Gen 12:1-9

¹ The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

² "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.

³ I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."

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

⁶ Abram travelled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. ⁹ Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

QUESTIONS

1. **Opening Sharing Qn.** From your observation and your own experience: what things can cause Christians to get side-tracked from their calling, and so fail to fulfill their potential?

2. Read Gen 12:1-3. In your own words, what was God calling Abram to leave behind? For yourself: what do you need to leave behind, in order to walk more fully in God's ways and purposes?

3. Read Gen 12:6-8. What is the significance of the altars that Abram built to the Lord? What can you learn and apply from Abram's example here?

4. Read Heb 11:1, 6, 8-10. Define "faith" in your own words. Why does faith please God (Heb 11:6)?

5. What are your biggest fears about the future? What do you think God wants you to remember from this passage? Share with your CG how they can journey with you and pray for you.