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# HEROES OF OUR FAITH

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## PART 3 · ABRAHAM

### 1 Peter 1:12

2 Chronicles 16:9, ***“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.”***

- + The open secret to answering the heroes call isn't about what we can do but if we will trust the Lord along the way.

### A Call

Genesis 12:1-5 (NIV)

*Two reasons why God's call is so incredible:*

1. “Leave your country” (verse 1)
2. “Leave your people” (Verse 1)

*Why did Abram answer the call?*

*He believed in an even more incredible promise of God.*

## **1st Truth: Heroes of faith are willing to leave what's comfortable**

### **A Road Test**

Testing 1, 2, 3

Genesis 12:14-19 (NIV)

**Test 1:** *"Abraham went down"*

**Test 2:** *"They will kill me"*

**Test 3:** *"Say you are my sister"*

- + Abraham failed terribly

## **2nd Truth: Heroes of faith make mistakes but keep returning to God.**

How is Abram restored?

Genesis 13:3-4; 14-18 (NKJV)

- + He goes back to the basics of faith

*“Lift up your eyes”, it’s a beautiful command of restoration.*

### **A Dream: Step outside your Tent**

Genesis 15:1-6

*Do you hear the sense of trust God wants from Abram?*

+ *“I am your shield”*

+ *“I am your very great reward”*

### **3rd Truth: Heroes of faith keep dreaming with God**

**At the heart of every hero of faith is a belief in God**

## Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the first time you can remember the call to follow Jesus in which you decided, “Yeah, this is for me. I’m committing myself to Jesus.” Did it happen quickly, or perhaps over time? Describe your experience of being called and how you still are feeling called.
2. How have you grown from the “road tests” of faith in your own life? Although it might not have been a pleasant experience, can you talk about what good things have come from it as the Lord has ministered to you?
3. Three truths of what makes for a hero’s heart were described of Abraham.  
*1st Truth: Heroes of faith are willing to leave what’s comfortable.*  
*2nd Truth: Heroes of faith make mistakes but keep returning to God.*  
*3rd Truth: Heroes of faith keep dreaming with God.*
4. Which do you find easiest to do, or most difficult? What would be most helpful at this time of your life?
5. If God was inviting you to “step outside your tent” (Genesis 15:5), what would that tent represent to you? Perhaps it’s a present circumstance. Or maybe a limited understanding of faith, or doubts. But more importantly, what would it look like to “step outside” with God? What does that look like for you? (eg. long walks reflecting on scripture, times of prayer, try to be specific.) Perhaps discuss what you feel God is calling to you as you step out of the tent, hear His voice.