

## Genesis 12:1-20 (NIV)

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.[a]

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." [b]

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 traveled 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[c] 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.

10 Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe. 11 As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are. 12 When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live. 13 Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you."

14 When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that Sarai was a very beautiful woman. 15 And when Pharaoh's officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace. 16 He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, male and female servants, and camels.

17 But the Lord inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai. 18 So Pharaoh summoned Abram. "What have you done to me?" he said. "Why didn't you tell me she was your wife? 19 Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and go!" 20 Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they sent him on his way, with his wife and everything he had.

Footnotes: [a] Or be seen as blessed; [b] Or earth / will use your name in blessings (see 48:20); [c] Or seed

# FATHER ABRAHAM

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## Abram Went

### OPEN

- Describe a really fun trip/vacation you have taken.
- Read Genesis 12:1-20.

### STUDY

- What does the Lord ask of Abram and what does He promise him in verses 1-3?
- Why might God make this call?
- How does Abram respond in verses 4-9? (Use a Bible land map if you find it helpful.)
- How easy or difficult would it have been for Abram and his family to obey God's call to "Go" and why do you think he went?
- What trouble does Abram get into in verses 10-20?
- Why does he lie to Pharaoh?
- What faith lessons would you want Abram to learn from this situation in Egypt?
- How do we see God's care for Abram throughout this passage?
- How have you, if at all, felt God's call upon your life and work in the world? How have you responded and how have you seen God's care for you in the midst of it?

### PRAY

- Spend time silently asking the Lord for direction and call in this next season. What new faith challenge might he have for you? Then move into whole group prayer asking for obedience and trust in God's blessings as you faithfully follow His lead.