



**"I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." (Gen 12:2b)**

## Bible Study:



Read Genesis 12. God did not choose the strongest or most capable man and wife team to carry forth His salvation plan. In fact, He chose the most unlikely pair – a 75 year-old man and his barren wife. Consider other examples in the Bible and in your own experience where God uses fleshly weakness to demonstrate His strength, and our need to trust in Him.

## The gospel in the story:



Abram was “blessed to be a blessing.” This is core to God’s perspective of His redemptive plan. God is a loving God who created mankind in His own image, so that humans could be “God on display.” Though Abram benefitted greatly from God’s favor, God’s primary purpose for blessing Abram was to bring glory to Himself. God’s choosing of Abram is a major pivot point in His redemptive plan; through Abram’s lineage, God would provide a redeemer – Jesus – to save the world.

## Application

### Head: What did we learn?

Q: How old was Abram when God called Abram to leave his land? A: 75 years old

Q: What did God promise Abram? A: To make of him a great nation and to bless him to be a blessing

Q: Did God lead Abram directly to the promised land? A: No, Abram journeyed many places. He had to keep trusting God.

Q: Was Abram perfect in how he trusted God? A: No, sometimes Abram tried to solve problems his own way, rather than rely on God.

Q: How did God demonstrate His grace and provision in this story? A: He chose to bless Abram, He protected Abram through his journeys, even when Abram sinned. He made a promise to Abram to make him into a nation and to give him a land for his people.

### Heart : Memory verse

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### Hands: How does this affect the way I live my life?

If you are a follower of Christ, it means you are counted among those who were blessed through God’s promise to Abram!!

### Home: How does this affect my household?

Living as ones blessed to be a blessing should come out in daily lives in how we love and treat our family members. Being blessed to be a blessing means being transformed by the Spirit of God to put others first, and love them well. This is not an easy way to live, it requires humble dependence on the Spirit’s power.

### Heaven: How does this help us share our faith?

All of Abram’s family (spiritual family) lives under the promise of being blessed **to be a blessing**. God promises that He will continually to fill us to overflowing with His Spirit so that we can be witnesses of His transforming grace to those who don’t yet know Him. Christians are to bless the world by being “God on display” to our neighbors, friends, **AND enemies!**