

Lesson #4 – Sunday, August 23, 2026

BIG IDEA: Obedience leads to blessing.

INTRODUCTION:

- ⇒ Have you ever had a time when you were forced to make an important decision without much information?
- ⇒ How did you feel trying to make that decision? How confident were you in your final decision?
- ⇒ This is close to what Abraham must have felt in Genesis 12. God followed him to follow, but Abraham faced a decision with limited information. His decision to obey led to blessings for many (including you and me).

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH: God can be _____.

- ⇒ Just like God called Abraham, God calls each of us.
- ⇒ Read Lamentations 3:22-26. God is faithful (23b) and is good to those that seek Him (25b). It is good (wise) to hope in Him and to wait for His plans to unfold (26).
- ⇒ If we can trust God with our eternal soul, we can trust Him with our daily lives. You must be sure in your faith that God can be trusted, or you will be hesitant to obey.

BIBLE STUDY:

1. God's call demands _____ on Him (Genesis 11:27-31; 12:1-3)
 - a. Think about what Abram must have been thinking after Genesis 12:1-3!
 - i. What was the Lord asking Abram to do?
 - ii. Where was the Lord asking Abram to go?
 - iii. Who was Abram going to have to leave?
 - b. What would you have done if you were Abram?
 - c. Abram would not get more information at that time. If he was to follow God, he would have to completely depend on God to provide the information he needed at a later time.
2. God's call demands our _____ in the face of the unknown (Gen. 12:4-5)
 - a. This act of obedience provides a glimpse of Abram's character.
 - b. Discuss: Are there things God has asked you to do that you find difficult because others around you simply do not understand?
3. God's call demands we trust His _____ (Genesis 12:2-3)
 - a. What did God promise He would do?
 - b. When we consider what God asked Abram to do, and what God promised Abram He would do, Abram's obedience seems to come down to a point of trust.
 - c. Is it safe to conclude that when we disobey God (sin) we are failing to trust God and what He has said?
 - d. Consider this point: Abram was working off *one encounter* with God. Yet he trusted God enough to obey Him.
 - e. We, on the other hand, have the entire account of the Scriptures to rely upon. It's incredible to think that there would be a time when we would NOT trust Him!

4. God's plans are bigger than _____
- a. God's promises to Abram were big! In fact, they were so big that Abram would not physically live long enough to see them all come to fulfillment.
 - b. This reminds us that God is the center of the universe.
 - c. It is always possible that God is working on something much larger than you. His plans are always perfect – even if we don't grasp the entire scope of what He is doing.
 - d. Are we willing to trust God no matter what?

APPLICATION:

- ⇒ Why is so natural for us to not trust God like we should?
- ⇒ What does our obedience or disobedience reveal to others what we really believe about God?
- ⇒ How can looking back at biblical examples like Abraham strengthen us today as we try to follow the Lord?

LIFE CONNECTION:

- ⇒ Are there circumstances in your life that you don't completely understand (or maybe even like)? Do you have questions about what God may be trying to do?
- ⇒ When you have a difficult time trusting God, stop and write down the things that you know about God are true. Example: He loves you; He has saved you; He sent Jesus to die for you; He created you; He sustains you; every good thing you have comes from Him...
- ⇒ Reminding ourselves of what we know to be true about God reminds us that God is completely trustworthy. He can even be trusted when we don't understand.