

**Genesis 12:1–5, 13:1–18**

**Hebrews 11:10**

For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. Hebrews 11:10

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

MEMORY VERSE

There are things in your life you count on, right? Like your job. Or your 401K. You count on your city to provide you with various services, such as sewer, water, and law enforcement. What if you woke up one morning to find that any or all of these things were no longer there? Your faith, and your expectations, would be shattered.

Read Genesis 12:1–5 and 13:1–18. God called Abraham to leave his home. God challenged Abraham to move out of his comfort zone so He could use him to accomplish a great work. Abraham left familiar faces and places as he obeyed God's call.

God did not give Abraham a map for the rest of his life. He only gave him this specific direction: "Go to the land I will show you." Abraham obeyed God without knowing

the details. He knew the next step, but God had not told him where the journey would go from there. Abraham had to count on God. He had to have faith that when he woke up every morning, God would still be there.

We can learn from Abraham's faith. While earthly things such as jobs, benefits, and even cities, may come and go, God is eternal. Because of this, we can place our trust in His plan. We can count on His ability to guide our lives.

Are you modeling a life of total trust in God for your teenager? Do you demonstrate the faith of Abraham when it comes to allowing God to order your steps? Do you model the kind of faith response demonstrated by Abraham?

## FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

### Connect . . .

First family members take turns answering the question: **When was the last time you made a really important decision?** Then, family members take turns describing this decision process: Did they gather information before making the decision, did they ask God for guidance, and so on. Finally, family members answer the question: **Imagine if you were at the very beginning of the decision process and you heard God's voice calling you to make a move . . . without knowing what would come next. Would you do it?**

### Explore . . .

First, family members take turns reading Genesis 12:1–5, 13:1–18. Then, the family discusses: **Describe Abraham's faith response to God's call.** Finally, a family member reads: **Romans 4:11 calls Abraham the "father of all who believe."** He was a man of action, and his actions showed his faith. **By being obedient to God's call, we are following in Abraham's footsteps.**

### Transform . . .

The family discusses: **Is there anything God is calling us to do? How can we as a family respond to God the same way Abraham did?**

*Pray that your family will listen to the stirring of the Spirit in their lives and will respond in obedience.*