

Going God's Way:
Developing a Gospel Vision and a Ministry Mindset
Abram: Realizing God's Way is Greater
Genesis 12:1-4

1) God's Way is Greater than W_____ You've B_____

a) Abraham did not grow up worshipping Jehovah as God.

Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'From ancient times your fathers lived beyond the River, namely, Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, and they served other gods.'" Joshua 24:2 (NASB)

b) God appeared to Abraham and invited him to go His way instead!

And [Stephen] said, "Hear me, brethren and fathers! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran. Acts 7:2 (NASB)

c) WHEREVER YOU HAVE BEEN AND WHATEVER YOU HAVE DONE...GOD IS GREATER!

2) God's Way is Greater than W_____ You A_____ (v.1)

a) Sometimes our unwillingness to go God's way is not from the concern over where we've been but the COMFORT IN WHERE WE ARE.

b) Obedient surrender to God's Word and God's Will always involves a "G_____!"

c) Abram's "Go!" meant leaving:

i) His c_____ - the comfort of his citizenship & culture

ii) His c_____ - the comfort of his family & friends

iii) His c_____ - the comfort of his status & stability

"You cannot stay where you are and go with God. You cannot continue doing things your way and accomplish God's purpose in His ways. Your thinking cannot come close to God's thoughts. For you to do the will of God, you must adjust your life to Him, His purposes, and His ways." Henry Blackaby

3) God's Way is Greater than W_____ You K_____ (vv.1b-3)

a) Did Abram know w_____ to go? *No.*

b) Did Abram know h_____ l_____ it would take? *No.*

c) Did Abram know what would happen when he got there? *No.*

d) Did Abram know God would be with him? *Yes!*

i) God would s_____ him where to go

ii) God would m_____ him a great nation

iii) God would b_____ him

"So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care (be anxious) for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:34 (NASB)

"NEVER BE AFRAID TO TRUST AN UNKNOWN FUTURE TO AN ALL-KNOWING GOD." -CORRIE TEN BOOM

4) God's Way is Greater than the T_____ You H_____ L_____ (v.4)

a) One more excuse we use that Abram could have used - AGE!

i) _____ - Abram leaves his home (12:4)

ii) _____ - God changes his name to Abraham (17:1-5)

iii) _____ - Isaac is born (21:1-8)

iv) _____ - Jacob is born (25:24-26)

v) _____ - Abram dies (25:7)