

**SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**  
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ABRAHAM

THE CALL OF ABRAHAM, THE FATHER OF ALL WHO BELIEVE

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**WARM UP**

Who was one of your heroes growing up? Did you have posters, dress like them, watch all the shows, or go to concerts? What is something you learned about them over time that made them more human?

1. Mike talked about Abraham's faith as not being linear. Like other biblical characters, his faith was a process, which included times when he trusted God and other times when he did not. How can you relate to that in your own life and walk with God?
2. In your group, take 15 minutes for each person, by themselves and in silence, to read over Genesis 12:1-5 a few times slowly. Before you do this, ask God to speak through His word to you about things He might be inviting you into, moving you towards, and/or places He might be calling you out from (these can be internal or external). Take part of this time to prayerfully read the text and circle words or phrases that stick out. Spend half of the time listening and yielding to what God may have to say. As you listen to God, is there any resistance, fear, and/or excitement that comes up in you?
3. Take time as a group to share how that time of listening was for each of you. What parts of the text did God get your attention with? What came up as you listened? What did you sense God calling you out from or toward in your life? Did any resistances surface?
4. As a group, name specific times in your lives when God called you toward things and/or away from things, and how He has been faithful in the process. Celebrate these times together as an act of worship, similar to Genesis 12:7 (to remember the past and call out together that God can be trusted with our futures).

**CONCLUDING CHALLENGE**

In groups of 2 or 3, pray Philippians 1:6 boldly over each person: "For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." After the person prays for you, name any fears or resistance in your heart to believing this to be true.

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