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SUNDAY

New Year



Fresh Start!

Part II



Title

Forward By Faith

Genesis 12:1-9

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Moving Forward Always Involves Leaving Something Behind

...go from your country, your people, and your father's household..."

- *Abram was called to leave EVERYTHING behind*
- *What is God calling YOU to leave behind from last year?*

Action 1: What is God calling me to release in order to follow Him?

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Moving Forward Often Requires An Act Of Obedience **BEFORE** You See The Outcome

...“go to a land I will show you... ...so Abam went as the Lord said...”

- *We want clarity and assurance. God requires trust and obedience*
- *We desire confirmation **BEFORE** obedience*
- *God requires confirmation **THROUGH** obedience!*

Action 2: Commit to your next step of obedience...and GO!

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God's Promises Always Accompany God's Call

...“I will make you a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, I will bless others through you.”

Our responsibility is OBEDIENCE...God's responsibility is OUTCOME

- *God's Promise: I will bless you*
- *God's Purpose: I will bless those who bless you*
- *God's Plan: I will bless all nations through you*

Action 3: As I go forward, show me who you want to bless through me.

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Moving Forward In Faith Does Not Guarantee A Problem Free Path

...“at that time the Canaanites were in the land...”

- *Canaanites were in the land*
- *Pharaoh kidnapped/stole Abram’s wife, Sarai*
- *Lot Abram’s nephew was taken captive by the surrounding kings*

John 16:33 *“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world!”*

Action 4: Commit BEFORE trials come that you will continue to follow God

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Abram Marked His Journey With Worship

...“there he built an altar to the Lord...” (4x)

By the time you get to the altar Abram built for Isaac, Abram has ALREADY built at least 4 other altars, and has returned to a couple of them multiple times!

Action 5: Make worship an integral part of your journey of faith this year

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Today

- *Ask God, what would you have me release to go forward?*
- *Commit to taking your next step of obedience*
- *Ask God to show you who He wants to bless through you this year*
- *Commit that when life gets tough this year...you won't give up*
- *Purpose to make worship your number one priority this year*

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