

(Genesis 12:1-9) The Lord said to Abram: "Go out from your land, your relatives, and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, I will curse those who treat you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated, and the people he had acquired in Haran, and they went out for the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the site of Shechem, at the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. But the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your offspring." So he built an altar there to the Lord who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and worshiped Him.

Clarity

OUR COURAGE

Following Christ takes courage.

1. Trusting in God takes Courage

(12:1) The Lord said to Abram: "Go out from your land, your relatives, and your father's house to the land that I will show you."

- A. It's hard to trust God when He leads us.
- B. God always leads us into a blessing.

(12:4a) So Abraham went, as the Lord had told him.

2. Standing for God takes Courage

(12:6) Abram passed through the land to the site of Shechem, at the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

- A. Especially when you're the only one.
- B. The term Christian means "like Christ."

3. Waiting on God takes Courage

- A. The classic characteristic of immaturity is impatience.
- B. The classic characteristic of maturity is patience.

4. Giving to God takes Courage

- A. God has great plans for each of us.
- B. God has to know how much we trust Him.
- C. Are we willing to lay everything on the altar?