

GOD CALLS ABRAM

Once again, the world was sinking in sin. People were fighting, cheating, lying, ignoring God, and hurting each other. It wasn't the way God wanted it to be.

And people were building bigger and bigger cities. One of the biggest was a city called "Ur." *Isn't that a great name?* Just two letters: **U-R**.

If someone asked you where you live, and you said, "Ur," they'd say, "No, really, where do you live?"

And you'd say, "Ur."

And they'd say, "Stop making that noise. Where do you live?"

That would be fun. But we don't have many cities with names like Ur today. We have Chicago, Birmingham, London, and Dubai. Oh, that one's kind of fun to say, but not as much fun as a name that sounds like your stomach growling. Urrr . . .

But back to our story.

There was a man living in Ur named **ABRAM**. You probably know of him as **ABRAHAM** because later on God changed his name. But before he was Abraham, he was Abram.

Abram lived in Ur with his **FAMILY**. And when I say "family," I don't mean his mom and dad. I mean his mom, dad, sisters, brothers, uncles, aunts, cousins, second cousins, third cousins . . . and on and on.

You see, in the ancient world you were safer if you were in a big group. You were less likely to be robbed or attacked by another group of people if your group of people was really big. Going out on your own in the ancient world was a **DANGEROUS** thing to do. So people didn't go out on their own. They stuck with their families.



One day, God showed up and said, “Hey, Abram, I want you to go out on your **OWN**.”

At this point, Abram didn’t know much about God. He didn’t have the Bible like we do, because it hadn’t been written yet. He couldn’t go to church like we can, because there weren’t any churches yet. But Abram **TRUSTED** God.

So when God said to Abram, “Leave your family and follow Me,” do you know what Abram said?

He said, “Okay.”

I know. Crazy. *Why did Abram trust God when he didn’t even know Him yet? Would **YOU** have trusted God if **YOU** were Abram?*



That’s not all God said to Abram, though. God told Abram that if he did what God **ASKED**, Abram wouldn’t be alone. God would be with him.

Not only that, but God would give him so many kids and grandkids and great-grandkids that Abram’s family would become an entire nation! And they’d have their own land! And the **WHOLE WORLD** would be blessed—given an amazing gift—through Abram and his kids!

Wow.

So Abram said, “Okay.”

He left his family. He left his country. He left everything behind and wandered off into the middle of nowhere, following a God he had just met.

He took his wife with him. Her name was **SARAI**. You probably know her as **SARAH**, because soon after, God would change her name too.

They didn't take any children with them, though, because they didn't have any children. Sarai and Abram really wanted to have children, but God hadn't blessed them with any.

Which might make you ask a very important question: *How was Abram supposed to build a big, big family that could be a whole nation if he didn't have any children?*

And **THAT'S** the story we'll tell **NEXT!**



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FAMILY CONNECTION

GENESIS 12, 15



EVERYDAY TRUTH

I follow God because He leads me the right way!

TALK

What three promises did God make to Abram?

What is one way you can follow God as Abram did?

Dear God ...



PRAY

Dear God, we want to follow where You lead us every day. Please show us which way to go. Amen.

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