

ROAD TRIP

TIME TO HIT THE ROAD

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others...."
Genesis 12:1-7 NLT

1. Real Faith requires that we stop doubting God, hit the road, and never look back.

DISCUSSION: Recall a time in the past when you were really let down; when you put your faith in someone or something. How is that feeling similar to your faith, or lack of faith, in God? In what way is that experience and others like it causing your faith to be less than it should be?

DISCUSSION: What are some of the things that cause you to doubt? What kind of reasonable evidence would help you have more faith and trust in God?

So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all his wealth—his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household at Haran—and headed for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, Abram traveled through the land as far as Shechem. There he set up camp beside the oak of Moreh. At that time, the area was inhabited by Canaanites. Genesis 12:4-6 NLT

Anyone who doubts is like a wave in the sea, blown up and down by the wind... They should not think they will receive anything from the Lord. James 1:6-7 NCV

Be bold and strong! Banish fear and doubt! For remember, the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9 LB

Jesus said, "No procrastination! No backward looks. You can't put off God's kingdom till tomorrow. Seize the day!" Luke 9:62 MES

What causes us to doubt that God can use us?

- a. We compare ourselves to others.

The fear of human opinion disables; trusting in God protects you from that. Proverbs 29:25 MES

DISCUSSION: To whom are you typically comparing yourself? Why?

- b. We never let go of our past failures.

With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine." Ephesians 3:20 NCV

DISCUSSION: What failures have you experienced in the past of which you haven't let go?

- 2. Only when we have really stepped out on to the road of faith can we get a picture of what God has in store for us.**

Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your descendants." And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the LORD, who had appeared to him. After that, Abram traveled south and set up camp in the hill country, with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. There he built another altar and dedicated it to the LORD, and he worshiped the LORD. Genesis 12:7-8 NLT

DISCUSSION: In what way are you living your life as a response to your faith in God? In what way are you lacking in faith? How can you "step out" more in faith?

DISCUSSION: What do you think the impact of your faith will be in 100 or 1000 years? Will you have an impact?

PRAYER PROJECT:

Spend 5-7 minutes and have a conversation with God about your doubts. Maybe it's part of your past experiences or maybe you have felt let down by others. Nonetheless, take the time to simply have an open and honest

conversation with Him about how you feel when it comes to your faith in general.

Next, spend another 5-7 minutes and reflect on God's faithfulness to you. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind times in the past (both large and small events) when God was faithful to you. Talk to Him about those times and reflect on His goodness and worthiness of being trusted.

Share with the Group your experience.