

# Notes: The Faith to Leave

## SERMON TITLE: The Faith to Leave

Text: Hebrews 11:1,8-10

**11** Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

"Hebrews 11

**8** By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. **9** By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. **10** For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Genesis

**12** The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

**2** "I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.<sup>[a]</sup>

**3** I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;

and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you."<sup>[b]</sup>

**4** So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. **5** He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

**6** Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. **7** The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOPE AND FAITH

1. HOPE LOOKS FORWARD. FAITH STEPS FORWARD.
2. HOPE DESIRES IT. FAITH DEMANDS ACTION.
3. HOPE SEES POSSIBILITY. FAITH CREATES MOMENTUM.

## FAITH LEAVES WHAT IS FAMILIAR

Abraham had to leave his country, his people, and his father's household. He had to leave what was normal.

**Because familiarity can become a prison.**

**Sometimes the greatest enemy of your future is not sin. It is comfort.**

**Your future will often require a breakup with your comfort zone.**

## FAITH LEAVES WHAT IS BROKEN

God did not just call him to a new location. God called him to a new life.

Abraham came from **Ur of the Chaldeans** (Genesis 11:31; Acts 7:2–4), a major Mesopotamian city in what is now southern Iraq. When God called Abraham, He was not calling him out of a neutral environment—He was calling him out of a deeply pagan, idol-saturated culture.

You do not honor your past by repeating its bondage.

## FAITH GROWS THROUGH NO

The higher God takes you, the more things you must refuse.

**Another Quote:**

Every new level in God is guarded by a fresh no.

## FAITH MOVES WITHOUT FULL DETAILS

Hebrews says Abraham went not knowing where he was going.