

God's Faith Adventures Genesis 12:1-9

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Take-Home Truth: Hearing and obeying God's voice allows Him to take you on a faith-journey.

First Realization: WHEN GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE, HE WANTS THEM TO HEAR HIS VOICE.

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. ²I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."
Genesis 12:1-3 (New International Version)

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
Romans 8:14 (English Standard Version)

- When God's Spirit leads, there is a direct impression on our inner consciousness by the Spirit of God.
- "Led by the Spirit" = responsive to the promptings of the Spirit = alert to the inner witness of the Spirit

How Do Believers Discern the Spirit's Leading?

- Discernment usually begins in prayer.
- Discerning the Spirit's voice includes being alert to what is happening inside us emotionally.
- There are three safeguards in the discernment process:
 - Reason
 - Scripture
 - Christian community

Second Realization: OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S VOICE IS ESSENTIAL TO THE FAITH-JOURNEY.

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Genesis 12:4-6 (ESV)

Living by faith = hearing, believing and obeying God's voice without having all the information

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. Hebrews 11:8 (ESV)