

***Your Road Called Blessing!***  
***Navigating Life's Journey, Pt. 1***

Genesis 12:1-3

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**Genesis 12:1**, *The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. <sup>2</sup>"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>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

**Proposition:** God wants to bless you, and He wants to bless others through YOU!

**Problem:** We don't see God blessing us, because we don't seek His blessings or live in OBEDIENCE!

**1. Your Road May Not Include A Specific DESTINATION**

**Genesis 12:1**, *The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you."*

**Comfort Zones That Keep Us From Receiving God's Blessing:**

- A Familiar Place And Familiar FRIENDS
- Our Sin And SELFISHNESS
- Our Schedule And PRIORITIES

**Jeremiah 29:11**, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

**2. Your Road Does Include A Master PROMISE**

**Genesis 12:2**, "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."

**God Says:**

- If You Obey Me, I Will Bless You
- If You Obey Me, I Will Bless Others Through You

**Ephesians 1:13**, *And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of His glory.*  
(Ephesians 1:3-8)

**3. Your Road Does Include Divine PROTECTION**

**Genesis 12:3**, "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

**Three Biblical Thoughts About Your Road To Blessings:**

- God Still Has A Plan For Your LIFE  
**Philippians 1:6**, *being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion...*

**Examples:** The Apostles; Paul in Philippians 3:4, *though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law,*

*faultless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ.*

- **God Allows You To Make The CHOICE**

**Deuteronomy 30:15**, *See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. <sup>16</sup>For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to Him, and to keep His commands... <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient... <sup>18</sup>I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed... <sup>19</sup>This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live.*

- **God Desires To Bless YOU**

**Numbers 6:23**, *“Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: <sup>24</sup>‘The LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup>the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup>the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace.’ <sup>27</sup>“So they will put My name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”*

**Cottonwood Creek Challenge - A Prayer For Blessings:**

- God, what are You calling me away from?
- God, what are You calling me to?
- God, what do You want to make me into?
- God, how can I extend Your blessings?