

“RESET – To Life’s Mission”



Genesis 11 – 17

This week we have been reading Genesis chapters 11 – 17 where journeying with the father of our faith and of nations, Abram. Abram was called by God from darkness to the glorious light of God’s Presence filled with amazing promises.

Abram experienced a RESET to pursue God’s Mission ; let’s seek a fresh RESET to Life’s Mission as we explore Abram’s journey.

1. – The Lord STARTLES Abram by His Love – See 12: 1 – 3

The Lord startles Abram by –

- His Gracious Calling – see Vs. 1
- His Gracious Promises – see Vs. 1 – 3
- His Gracious Purpose – Vs. 3

REFLECT – on a Time when you experienced the Startling Love of God. What does that do to your heart?

2. – Abram SURRENDERS to God’s Heart. – See 12: 4 -9

- By Listening to God’s Voice – see Vs. 1, 4
- By Yielding to God’s Calling – see Hebrews 11: 8 – 10
- By Worshipping – see Vs. 7 -8

CHALLENGE – Be willing to say YES to God before you know what He is asking you to do.

3. – Abram STRUGGLES in the Journey & God continues to STARTLE Him with Love. – see 12: 10 – 20

Realize – If you are struggling on your journey of faith, you are not alone. Be assured of God's startling love which pursues you. – See Romans 8: 38 – 39.

WORKING WORD CHALLENGES:

1. – **Reflect on Genesis 12: 1 – 3** How God startles Abram with His Love. God gives him gracious promises. Think of ways God has startled you by His love – (saving you by His grace, sending His Son to die for you, providing His Spirit to live in you). Pause & Express your heart of gratitude for His startling love.
2. – **DISCUSS with a partner or group** - *Ways that Abram surrendered to God's heart* – see Genesis 12: 4 – 9; Hebrews 11 : 8 – 10. What empowered Abram to surrender to the Lord's calling? Allow Spirit-empowered faith to lead you in surrender.
3. – Abram struggled in his faith journey, yet the Lord continued to show his faithful love to Him. **Commit to memory 1 Timothy 2: 13** and allow God's love comfort you in times of struggle.
4. – Continue to **read on Chapter of Genesis each day** and write down what you are learning in a journal. This week we are reading chapters 17 – 24.