

# THE BIG STORY

FROM CREATION TO CHRIST

## WEEK 3

### *Called and Covenanted: Living as God's Channel of Blessing*

#### **DAILY READING – Feb 2nd-6<sup>th</sup>**

Mon – Genesis 12

Tue – Genesis 15

Wed – Genesis 17

Thu – Genesis 12:1–9

Fri – Psalm 119:105

#### **DEVOTIONAL**

##### **Called and Covenanted: Living as God's Channel of Blessing**

**Memory Verse:** “And I will bless you... so that you will be a blessing.” **Genesis 12:2**

**Story Thread:** God calls ordinary people and binds Himself to them so His blessing can reach the world.

After the flood and the scattering at Babel, God does not abandon humanity—He narrows the lens. Instead of addressing the whole world at once, God calls one man, Abram. Not because Abram is perfect, but because God chooses to work through imperfect people to bless the world. God interrupts Abram's settled life with a promise and a call: leave what is known, trust what is unseen, and follow where God leads.

Genesis 12 reveals that calling begins with grace, not human effort. God speaks first. God promises first. Abram responds by obedience before clarity. He moves without a map, without a full plan, and without guarantees of comfort or security. Faith is not having all the answers—it is trusting the One who speaks.

God's blessing is never meant to stop with Abram. From the beginning, calling is a channel. God blesses Abram so that all families of the earth may be blessed. This is not private spirituality—it is a global mission. Worship follows the call, as Abram builds altars and calls on the name of the Lord wherever he goes. God shapes His people through worship, trust, and daily obedience.

When Abram struggles and stumbles, God does not abandon the promise. Instead, God binds Himself to Abram through covenant. In Genesis 15 and 17, God takes full responsibility for fulfilling what He promised. The covenant does not rest on Abram's performance, but on God's faithfulness. God carries what humans cannot.

This story points forward to Jesus. The promise to bless all nations through Abraham reaches its fulfillment in Christ. Through Jesus, the blessing is no longer limited to one family, but opened to all who believe. The God who called Abraham still calls His people today—to trust Him, follow Him, and live as channels of His grace in the world.

## **FAMILY DEVOTIONAL**

**TALK** What does it mean to follow someone you trust, even when you don't know where you're going?

**READ** Genesis 12:2-3

**PRAYER:** *God, thank You for loving us and guiding us. Help our family trust You and follow You every day. Use us to be a blessing to others. Amen.*

## **SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS**

### **Week 3**

**Text: Genesis 12, 15, & 17**

1. **God calls Abraham to leave what is familiar and trust what is unseen.** Why is obedience often harder when clarity is limited?
2. **Genesis 12 shows that God's call begins with grace, not human effort.** How does this change the way we understand faith and obedience?
3. **God blesses Abraham so that others can be blessed through him.** What does it look like to live as a "channel" of blessing instead of a consumer of blessing?
4. **In Genesis 15 and 17, God binds Himself to His promise through covenant.** Why is it significant that God carries the responsibility for fulfillment?
5. **Abraham's journey includes worship, fear, obedience, and failure.** How does this encourage us in our own walk with God?
6. Where might God be inviting you to take one step of obedience this week, even if you don't have the full picture?

