

Relationship – Genesis 12:1-9

Now the LORD had said to Abram:

“Get out of your country,
From your family

And from your father’s house,
To a land that I will show you.

² I will make you a great nation;
I will bless you

And make your name great;
And you shall be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the earth shall
be blessed.”

⁴ So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land.

⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent *with* Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. ⁹ So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South.

Open: Has there ever been someone in your life that you knew you could trust completely? That you would do anything he or she said you should do?

→What words in the passage need to be explained for you?

1. Who are the main characters in this story?
2. What do we know about Abram?
3. What did God ask Abram to do?
4. What promises did God give to Abram?
5. How did Abram show he trusted God? What did that trust cost him?

Apply

- How would you describe Abram’s relationship with God?
- How does your relationship with God compare to Abram’s?
- What have you done recently to improve your relationship with God?

No one can say yes to God’s ways who has said no to his promises and commandments. Acceptance of the will of God comes in the daily submission under his Word.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

