

Who Am I?

Series: What 2 Live 4

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Scripture: Genesis 12:1-20

¹ 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.

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. 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."

⁴ So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring ^[a] I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and 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 Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

¹⁰ Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe. ¹¹ As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are. ¹² When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live. ¹³ Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you."

¹⁴ When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that she was a very beautiful woman. ¹⁵ And when Pharaoh's officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace. ¹⁶ He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, menservants and maidservants, and camels.

¹⁷ But the LORD inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai. ¹⁸ So Pharaoh summoned Abram. "What have you done to me?" he said. "Why didn't you tell me she was your wife? ¹⁹ Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and go!" ²⁰ Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they sent him on his way, with his wife and everything he had.

Group Session

Opening Questions

How would you answer the question “What is your purpose in life?”

Discussing the Scripture & Life

1. This series called *What to Life for* will help us develop a tangible, God-centered life plan for several area of our lives. What are the areas in which we need life plans?
2. Today’s sermon title is *Who Am I?* Can you answer that from a Biblical perspective? Life-changing Lesson #1 says, “My sense of identity comes from who God says I am, not from who people say that I am.”
3. Read Isaiah 55:8-9. What does this say about trusting ourselves?
4. Read Jeremiah 29:11. What does this say about trusting God?
5. Our past life events and experiences will affect, but not define who we are. What are some things in your past, positive or negative, that affect who we are today?
6. Effective planning means determining the end result and working backwards to make that end goal a reality. What are the things you would want said of you at life’s end?
7. Lesson #2 says, “I am a transmitter of God’s blessing, not just a receiver.” What things has God blessed you with that you can transmit to others? How are you doing at that? How does that relate, if at all, to your perceived purpose in life?
8. Lesson #3 says, “I am vulnerable to my pride and sin and must stay on guard against temptation.

Closing Challenge

Consider some short statements that you would like to be a part of your life-plan. Be prepared to share some of those next week.

For an example from Jay Gordon, please visit the site below. This was an assignment from Top Gun: http://gordonplace.com/Personal_Mission_Statement.htm. (spaces are underscores in the web link)