



## DIGGING IN

Genesis 12:1-5

Genesis 26:1-6

Genesis 28:13-19

Abraham	Isaac	Jacob
God tells him to:	God tells him to:	God tells him to:
God says He will:	God says He will:	God says He will:
Abraham responds by:	Isaac responds by:	Jacob responds by:

## TAKING IT INWARD

- How do the instructions that God gave these three men differ?
- How is the promise that God made to each consistent?
- What similarities do you see in the way that each man responded?

## DIGGING DEEPER

### Israel's Growth:

#### Genesis 46:27

What was the size of Jacob's family?

#### Exodus 12:37

What size was the nation that Jacob's family had grown into?

#### Exodus 1:6-10

Under what circumstances did they experience this growth?

## WRAPPING UP

While Genesis 12 doesn't explicitly tell us why God chose Abraham to be the father of the nation of Israel, based upon what you know of Abraham's response to God here, and over the course of his lifetime, what are some qualities that Abraham possessed that allowed him to be used by God?

In what ways could God use some of those same qualities in this group?

What are some things in our lives that distract us from hearing God's call?

What are some ways that you believe that God is calling us to be faithful to Him as a group?

What are some things that I am going to personally change in order to be more faithful to God?

What are some things that God might be calling to us to action in...

- Our church?
- Our schools?
- Our community?
- The world?
- Other:



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#### Genesis 12:1-5

<sup>1</sup> 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.” <sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. <sup>5</sup> He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

#### Genesis 26:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a famine in the land—besides the previous famine in Abraham’s time—and Isaac went to Abimelek king of the Philistines in Gerar. <sup>2</sup> The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, “Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live. <sup>3</sup> Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. <sup>4</sup> I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, <sup>5</sup> because Abraham obeyed me and did everything I required of him, keeping my commands, my decrees and my instructions.” <sup>6</sup> So Isaac stayed in Gerar.

#### Genesis 28:13-17

<sup>13</sup> There above it stood the Lord, and he said: “I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. <sup>14</sup> Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. <sup>15</sup> I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

<sup>16</sup> When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” <sup>17</sup> He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.”