

THE JOURNEY
JOURNEY I — FORMATION & DISCERNMENT
“Infinity” — Identifying ourselves before the eternal God.

GENESIS 12:1–20
CALLED OUT TO GO FORWARD
Student Study Edition

BIG IDEA

God calls Abram by promise and invites a response of faith. Abram obeys and worships, yet famine and fear expose weakness. Through both, God remains faithful to His purpose.



THE JOURNEY MAP

WHERE WE CAME FROM	YOU ARE HERE	WHERE WE'RE GOING
GENESIS 11 — BABEL Human plans • Scattering • Name	GENESIS 12 — ABRAM Call • Promise • Faith • Fear	GENESIS 13 — SEPARATION Return • Worship • Choice

THE BRIDGE • Genesis 11:4 “make us a name” → Genesis 12:2 “I will...make thy name great”

Bridge: Shows how what we just studied connects to where Scripture takes us next.

STUDY-BIBLE CORE

WORD STUDY	SCRIPTURE	PARALLEL SCRIPTURES
LEKH-LEKHA (לֵךְ-לְךָ) — “go/depart” (12:1). BARAKH (בָּרַךְ) — “bless” (12:2–3). Observe the repeated language of blessing.	12:1–3 — God calls and promises. 12:4–9 — Abram goes, worships, journeys. 12:10–13 — Famine and fear in Egypt. 12:14–20 — Sarai taken; God acts; Pharaoh sends Abram away.	Hebrews 11:8–10 — obedience without the full destination. Galatians 3:6–9 — blessing to nations by faith. Acts 7:2–5 — the call recalled. Galatians 3:8, 16 — Christ and the promise.

HISTORY & FOOTNOTES / CONNECTIONS TO NOTICE

- Genesis 1–11 surveys creation, fall, flood, and Babel; Genesis 12 turns toward Abram and his family.
- Genesis 12:1 — God names what Abram is to leave; the destination is “the land that I will show you.”
- Genesis 12:2–3 — Notice the repeated “I will” promises and the outward purpose of blessing.
- Genesis 12:4, 7–8 — Abram’s response includes departure, altars, and calling on the LORD.
- Genesis 12:10 — Famine comes after Abram has begun following the call.
- Genesis 12:11–13, 17–20 — Compare Abram’s fear, his plan, God’s action, and Pharaoh’s response.



KEY INSIGHT

Genesis 12 places Abram’s faithful departure and fearful detour in the same chapter. Follow what the text says God promises, what Abram does, and how the LORD responds.



ANCHOR — WHAT HAS GOD SAID?

Scripture Trail: Genesis 12:1–3; Genesis 11:4; Galatians 3:6–9

1. What does God command Abram to leave, and what does He promise?

2. What is the difference between Babel’s “name” and Abram’s promised name?

3. How does the promise reach beyond Abram himself?



DRIFT — WHERE CAN FEAR STEER US?

Scripture Trail: Genesis 12:10–20; Proverbs 29:25

1. What circumstances lead Abram into Egypt?

2. What does Abram ask Sarai to say, and why?

3. How does God act amid Abram’s fearful detour?



DETOX — TEST THE THINKING

Scripture Trail: Genesis 12:1–4, 10–20; Proverbs 3:5–6; Hebrews 11:8

1. Does difficulty necessarily mean we missed God’s direction?

2. Can fear become a substitute for trust?



SAIL — HOW DO WE RESPOND IN FAITH?

Scripture Trail: Genesis 12:4, 7–9; Hebrews 11:8–10; James 4:13–15

1. What actions demonstrate Abram’s response to God’s call?

2. What does Hebrews 11 add about Abram’s journey?

3. What act of obedience is already clear to you, even if the next steps are not?



TREASURE CHEST — SCRIPTURES TO CARRY FORWARD

- Genesis 11:4 ⇔ 12:2 — a name people seek / a name God promises.
- Genesis 12:1–3 ⇔ Galatians 3:8–9 — blessing promised to the nations.
- Genesis 12:4 ⇔ Hebrews 11:8 — departure and faith.
- Genesis 12:7–8 ⇔ 12:11–13 — worship and fear within one journey.
- Genesis 12:17–20 — watch how God’s action shapes the outcome.

CLOSING REFLECTION

What does this chapter teach us about God?

What does it teach us about humanity?

How does the promise point toward Christ?

How do I live faithfully in response?



THE TAKEAWAY

Anchor in what God has spoken. Recognize drift when fear begins steering. Sail faithfully in the direction He gives.