

Nehemiah Project

21 Daily Devotions

DEVOTION #4 - Wednesday, October 12

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father’s house to the land which I will show you; and I will make you a great nation.”

GENESIS 12:1-2A, NASB

Abraham’s story paints an incredible picture of how to live a life of surrender. In Genesis 12, God tells Abraham to pack up everything and move hundreds of miles away. Notice God says, “to the land I will show you.” This means Abraham didn’t know where he was headed when he left.

Now at this point in his life, Abraham was 75. That’s retirement age, not adventure age! What’s more, Abraham was successful. He was wealthy and had built a nice life for himself. He had servants, livestock, and extended family. Abraham had to be willing to risk it all to follow God to a land he didn’t even know. With no guarantee of safety or success, all Abraham had was God’s word.

Just like Abraham, you’ve probably worked hard to carve out a nice life for yourself and your family. To have your needs met. To be a success. What if God interrupted your plans and asked you to risk it all—to go on a journey you don’t even know where it will take you? Could you do it? Would you go? The amazing thing about God is that when we surrender ourselves to Him, we always end up gaining more in the end.

God, correct my near-sightedness and help me to focus on your vision and plan for my life. May I abandon everything so that I can take hold of everything you have in store for me.