



SESSION 3

No Faith, No Future

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Week 3 Video | No Faith, No Future

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What are your main takeaways from the video? (10 minutes)

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READ THESE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES ALOUD:

Genesis 12:1-3 NIV

¹Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Matthew 1:1 NIV

¹An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Romans 4:1-3 NIV

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

Revelation 21: 22-26 NIV

²²I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

²³The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it.

DISCUSSION

When we follow God's leading through trust and obedience, He allows us to play a part in His redemptive plans.

Head

(15–20 minutes)

1. Think of the story of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac. What events of their lives do you remember? In what way could Genesis 12 be called the turning point of the entire Bible?
2. Abraham did not choose God; God chose Abraham. Did God choose you, or did you choose God? What difference does it make if God chose you as His child?
3. Genesis 12:1-3 God says to Abraham that "in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." How is Revelation 21:22-27 a fulfillment of that promise?

Heart

(15–20 minutes)

Abraham believed and obeyed (Romans 1:3).

1. Do you consider faith as action?
2. When have you sensed God sending you into unusual or challenging circumstances - physically, geographically, relationally, and vocationally? How did you respond?
3. When, like Abraham and Sarah, have you tried to make things happen in your own way, not following God? How did that turn out?

Hands

(10 minutes)

Reaching Upwards: Growing in Your Relationship with God

1. In what ways are you obeying God right now? Pray for discernment in following God's nudging.
2. What does trusting God with your life (job, family, friends, finances, health, etc.) look like today? Which parts are most difficult to surrender? Why? Ask God to grant you more faith.

Reaching Outward: Investing in Your Neighbors

1. Can people sense a difference in your life because you are a Christian?
2. Continuing your discussion from the Surprised by Hope small group study, in what ways are you redeeming creation and restoring paradise lost?
3. The FPC Missions and Communications staff continue to work on making opportunities to serve more visible. Please check out the following link to their new page on the website of [Ongoing Opportunities and Upcoming Opportunities](#). Immediate ways to connect with ministries to serve are shown first, and ongoing needs are below that.

READING PLAN

To reinforce learnings in Session 3, read the following this week:

Day 1: Abraham Gains Prominence in the Land (Genesis 12–14)

Day 2: Father Abraham (Genesis 15–17)

Day 3: Lot and the Judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18–19)

Day 4: Isaac's Birth and Abraham's Testing (Genesis 20–22)

Day 5: Establishing Abraham's Legacy (Genesis 23–25:18)