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Abram Went

by Rickie Jenkins

When God called Abram from Ur to go to a land God would show him, Abram went. He went not knowing where he was going but he trusted God.

When we don't know what is around the next corner, do we like Abram, trust God? When we don't know how a given situation will turn out, do we trust God? Do we have the faith of Abram to go forward not knowing all the answers?

I think this is really challenging. We like to be in control. We want to know what is next. We like to know what we are facing ahead. But life under the sun doesn't always provide those answers for us ahead of time. Abram did not know. Often, we don't know either. It is in those moments that we are moved by faith to follow God where He leads us.

We may begin to think we are stuck. We may think that our lives can't or won't get better. We may be blind to new possibilities. So, we go through life with our heads down. I do not see that in Abram. For whatever reason God called Abram from his homeland to another land, Abram was open to the new possibilities. He had enough faith in God to believe that God would provide greater blessings and possibilities. By faith, Abram believed there was something great to come in his life because God promised. God called and he followed.

That story is repeated through the bible. People, who because of their faith, went, not knowing what the path would be like. People, who had not received the promise, went because they trusted in God.

People of faith built an ark, walked around walls, hid people, subdued kingdoms, stopped mouths of lions, received their dead raised to life again, offered their only son and were stoned. The world then was not worthy of them. The world today is not worthy of that kind of person either.

Will I have the faith of those who set the path for me? Will I have that kind of trust in God? "Faith is taking the first step when you do not see the staircase" (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

A Little Maid's Advice

by George Slover

"Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy." (2 Kings 5:3)

During the days of Elisha there lived a mighty Syrian warrior. Naaman, commander of the Syrian army, by the power of God, had been victorious. However, Naaman had the dreaded disease of leprosy.

On one of the Syrian raids a little

Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends.

We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

Important Dates

Ladies' Class - Tuesday, November 28 at 10 a.m.

If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.

Israelite maid was captured. By the providence of God she became a slave in Namaan's household. This young maid was in possession of a treasure of which Namaan had no knowledge. She knew of Elisha, the great miracle working prophet, which could surely heal her master of his leprosy.

From this young lady we learn that some times help comes from unexpected places. A little maid, a foreigner, a captive, a slave, accidentally introduced to Namaan's household, initiates a series of events that lead to a great healing. Children of God must never underestimate their wonderful potential. In God's kingdom, many "nameless heroes" have accomplished great things for the cause of Christ with the slightest word or smallest deed.

From this maid we see the power of youth. She had been removed from the comforts of home, yet she has not forgotten her faith. She has every reason to cry "victim," but instead she finds a way to serve. It would have been easy for her to excuse herself because of her young age, but instead she found a way to be useful.

The secret to her usefulness was her great faith. She trusts in God to take care of her. Because of her captivity, she could not help her master, but she believed in a prophet who could. Do others see our faith in times of difficulty and discouragement? Is our faith in God manifested by our passionate devotion to His work? If our faith is real, it will be seen in our daily life.

What are you doing to minister to others? A word of warning to the godless or encouragement to the faint hearted may be all that is necessary to set them on the right path. Even if you can do nothing to meet the need, you can certainly show them where the blessings can be found.

Prayer Requests

Jack Wilson is still struggling with pain and limited mobility.

Jerry Richardson's lymphoma has returned and is undergoing chemo.

Dinah Williams continues to have mobility issues.

Don Simmons is still struggling with his breathing; he is on oxygen at all times. **Alene** is having hip issues.

Lisa Mullen (Darrell's sister) is undergoing chemotherapy.

Vicki Stevens has cancer and is undergoing treatment.

Debbie McMurray is undergoing immunotherapy.

Mike McMurray is regaining strength.

Terry Behrns is recovering at his sister's home

Harold Hammons is in Granite Mesa, room 308

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making s application for all the saints,”
(Ephesians 6:18 ESV)

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord's body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord's will.

We are not a part of any larger organization - we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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