

Epidemic

Fear of the Unknown

1. We prefer the predictable

2. We crave control

Genesis 12:1 The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. (NIV)

Genesis 12:4 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. (NIV)

1. WHO he did know was greater than WHAT he didn’t know

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. – Corrie Ten Boom

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Genesis 12:1 The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. (NIV)

2. He trusted God’s promises more than his personal fears.

Genesis 12:2-3 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. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth, will be blessed through you. (NIV)

Psalms 91:14-15 “Because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. ¹⁵ He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.” (NIV)

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon formed against you will prosper. (NKJV)

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” (NIV)

3. His commitment to obedience was greater than his commitment to comfort.

Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. (NIV)

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (NIV)