***Genesis 12:1-4 Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family
And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you. 2I will make you a great nation;
I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” 4So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.***

Last week, we talked about agreement with God. Can two walk together unless they are agreed? Too often, we expect God to agree with us. We spend little or no time seeking to agree with God. The God of eternity, the God of perfection, the all-knowing God Who holds a perfect plan for our lives gives us free will to disagree with Him and miss blessings, lose peace, and live outside of His presence. In order to walk with God, we must first agree with God. Are we in agreement with God this morning?

 When I was a boy, Daddy would come in the room and say, “Get your shoes on and let’s go.” I didn’t know where I was going, but I knew who I was going with. I trusted my father, put on my shoes, and followed him. Now, fifty years later, I trust my Father. I don’t know where, but I trust Who is leading.

 We’re with Abram this morning. He’ll be renamed Abraham by God. In Isaiah 41:8, God calls Abraham “My friend”. Abraham believed and God accounted it as righteousness. He agreed with God, even when he couldn’t see what God was doing. Verse 1 says *Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you.* Abram trusted God. He trusted God in his spirit, in his being, long before the first physical step is taken. God is telling him – leave your comfort, leave your family, leave the status you’ve earned, and start anew.

Let’s make no mistake. The hardest journey we ever make doesn’t involve miles between destinations, but involves a hairs breath between what we believe in our mind and what we believe God is saying to our souls. Opportunity after opportunity is missed every day because God calls for a step of Faith and we look to take a step by sight. We value our comfort, our control, our status more than we believe God’s promise. Living for God takes a leap of Faith, roots thrust deep in Trust, and arms outstretched in agreement to follow God. Hebrews 11:16 says *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.* We must agree to follow faithfully.

Verses 2 & 3 *I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”* God pronounces His promise over Abram. Abram has a bird in the hand. He’s comfortable, close to family and friends, has wealth and status, is known in his community, and no one objects to him staying put, bogged down in a life that’s not God’s plan. In fact, I’ve no doubt people are encouraging him to stay. Joshua 24:2 tells us that Abram’s family, including Terah his father, worshipped false gods. Until Abram leaves this place of disagreement with God, the full blessing of God will not come upon him.

God has called. Now what? Verse 4 *So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.* Abram trusts God, agrees with God, and moves. Abram can trust, and pray, and trust, and cry, and trust… but, until he agrees with God by departing, by walking, by taking that step of Faith into the unknown, nothing changes. He was seventy-five. When we trust God, we agree with Him, even when we don’t fully understand. We move, even when we don’t know where we’re going or the challenges ahead. We turn from our comfort and we pursue our Christ… whether we are seven or seventy-five. You see, the easy thing for Abram would’ve been to stay in comfort, blame everyone around him for the environment he’s been living in for seventy-five years, and look for someone else to take the hard steps before him. But he departed, trusting God, agreeing that wherever God led , that is exactly where Abram wanted to be.

Where is our trust? Is it in our comfort? Or do we hunger to be wherever Christ is? We choose Him daily. It’s a difficult journey – not of miles, but of submission, service, and sacrifice. When we come to submitted agreement with God, we will depart. We’ll depart to do ministry, to serve others, to love the unloved, and reach the unreached. We’ll depart our sanctuary of Self and begin our journey of surrender. But, it all begins in trust and agreement. Do you trust God enough to simply agree with His plans, faithfully departing for blessings unknown?