

# Walking by Faith

(2 Cor 5:7)

*walk by faith*

**Greek: Walking around. Course of one's life.  
Life is a journey, a pilgrimage**

Abraham must have been **Young** sometime.  
And sometime He took a wife, Sarai (Gen 11:29)  
And she was beautiful (Gen 12:11)

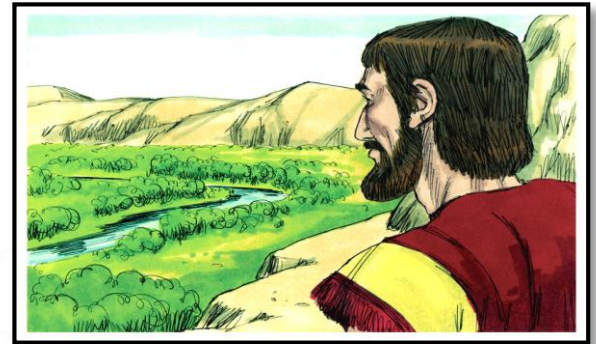
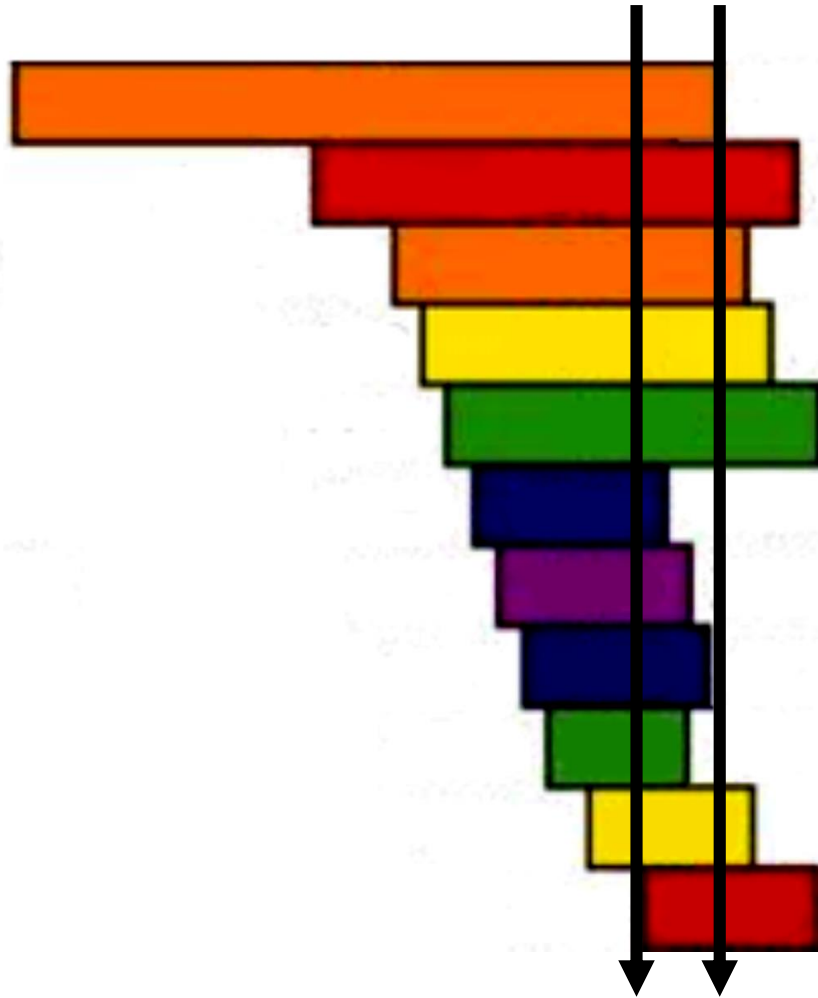


**Eccl 9:9** *Enjoy life with the woman whom you love all the days of your fleeting life* ...for this is your reward in life, & in your toil in which you have labored under the sun.

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*The Bible doesn't say* what got Abraham started thinking of the *One God* in an idolatrous society.

NOAH  
SHEM  
ARPHAXAD  
SALAH  
EBER  
PELEG  
REU  
SERUG  
NAHOR  
TERAH  
ABRAHAM



**Jewish *Oral Tradition***  
*unsupported by the Bible* makes many claims for Abraham & Terah.

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## 1. GOD OPENS DOORS

Gen 12:1-3

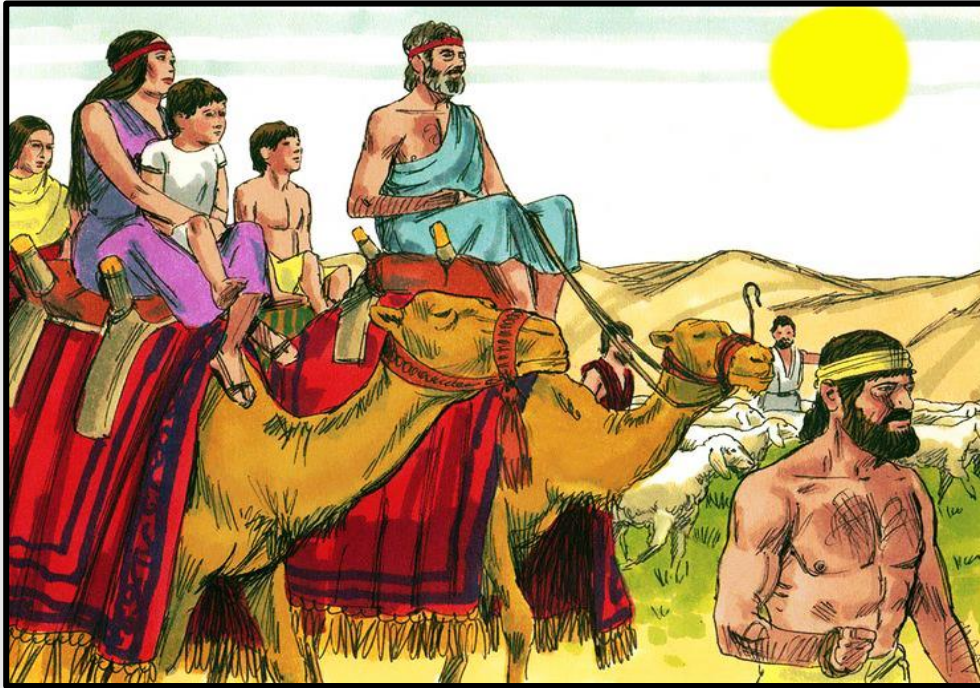
Go forth from your country, And from your relatives and from your father's house, **to the land which I will show you.**

When doors open—  
we never know completely what's on the other side.

Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham when he was called, obeyed going out to a place which he was to receive & he went out, **NOT Knowing** where he was going.

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## 2. WILL WE WALK THRU THOSE DOORS?



Gen 12:4 *Abram went forth* as the Lord had spoken to him.

*Now Abram was 75* years old when he departed from Haran.

*Philadelphia* faced an opened door. (Rev 3:8)

*Paul* had a door opened in Ephesus. (1Cor 16:9)

*We* face a door opened in E Tacoma. (Col 4:3a)

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## 3. THERE'S ALWAYS BATTLES TO FACE



**Gen 14:14**  
When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, *he led out his trained men, born in his house, 318 men.*

He went in pursuit as far as Dan, *140mi* from Hebron  
Eph 6:12 Our struggle is not against flesh and blood,  
but... *against the world forces of this darkness.*

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## 4. THERE'S GREAT BLESSINGS TO ENJOY

Gen 15:5 *Look toward the heavens*, & count the stars, if you are able to count them." And [God] said to him, "So shall your descendants be."



Gen 15:6 *Abraham believed in the Lord;*  
and it was reckoned to him *as righteousness.*

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## 5. THERE'S ALWAYS SACRIFICES TO MAKE



God asked him to *sacrifice his son*. Gen 22:1-3

Abraham figured *God would raise his son again*. Heb 11:19

Abraham said, "*God will provide for Himself the lamb* for the burnt offering, my son." Gen 22:8

Gen 22:13 - Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, *behind him a ram caught in the thicket* by his horns. Abraham went & took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.



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## 6. SO HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO US?



a. We have a **door** opened before us.

b. Travis has faced **corporate** challenge & neither HR nor corporate lawyers will back him. ☹️

c. **South Salem** has already contacted him about their interest in him coming there.

d. **Coure D'Alene** could use a good young preacher.

e. **Our Question:** Would **YOU** like him to stay here?

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## 7. THERE'S [THEY'RE] BLESSINGS FOR US HERE

a. He's a *Quality* preacher.  
**KNOWN** young preacher.

b. Churches get *Stability and Finances* from age.  
**Enthusiasm & Growth**  
from the youth.



c. **Young families** ATTRACT other young families.

d. Travis said he “Really **WANTS** to be here.” 😊

e. His **focus** would be on Evangelism & Things that help this church to grow.

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## 8. SURELY THERE'S SACRIFICES TO MAKE



Luke 14:28 First sit down & calculate the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it?

There's several things to weigh.

Can't drain savings or bank thinks we're insolvent.

He needs **\$500** more/week **to go full time-minimum**

Rocky and Paul think it's ***Reachable and Desirable!***

Would **YOU** like that? Could **YOU** help financially?

And as **We** grow numerically, **Our** finances grow.

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9. We can't **know the future**  
**FOR SURE.** Jas 4:13-14

But we can **walk by FAITH**  
not by sight. 2 Cor 5:7

Travis **won't** do everything perfectly  
and neither will I. (Eccles 7:20)

But Amy said: "If we're gonna be here..  
**We're Gonna be HERE !**

Tell us YOUR desires. Can be an **UNSIGNED** note.  
Are you in **Favor**\_\_\_? Can **Help** **Additionally?** \_\_\_\_

# We Walk by Faith



We know  
the ***Path***

and it leads  
***HOME.***