

Tents & Altars

Week 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.'"

[Genesis 12:1]

Abraham: Genesis 12-23

Isaac: 24-26

Jacob: 27-36

Joseph: 37-50

1. I can trust an Unknown Future to a Known God

"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."

[Hebrews 11:8]

"...Abram went... Abram departed... Abram took... Abram passed... Abram built... Abram journeyed."

[Genesis 12:4-9]

"Just close your eyes and take My hand." John Calvin

"I will live make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great... I will bless those who bless you...and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

[Genesis 12:2-3]

2. I can live by promise even before possession

We are not saved by making great promises to God, we are saved by believing God's promises to us.

"So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him."
[Genesis 12:7]

"From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord."
[Genesis 12:8]

3. I can worship boldly in front of a watching world

Tent: separated from the world
Altar: consecrated to God

Tent: separation "This world is not my home"
Altar: consecration "God has my worship"

4. I can worship boldly, because it's a lifeline to my own soul

"We have a tendency to remember what we should forget, and forget what we should remember."