

GOODBYE MEDIOCRE!

Genesis 12:1-6, Hebrews 11:8-12, 40

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INTRO:

1. The occurrence of burn-out
2. The occurrence of bored-out

A. A BIG CALLING

1. God promised a **national** blessing (Genesis 12:2a)
2. God promised a **personal** blessing (Genesis 12:2b)
3. God promised an **international** blessing (Genesis 12:3)

B. A BIG CHALLENGE

1. Going but not **knowing** (Genesis 12:4a)
2. Compelling but off in **timing** (Genesis 12:4b)
3. Moving but **threatening** (Genesis 12:5-6)

C. A BIG COMMITMENT

1. A commitment to **obedience** (Hebrews 11:8)
2. A commitment to **sacrifice** (Hebrews 11:9)
3. A commitment to be **faithful** (Hebrews 11:11-12)

CONCLUSION

This is your year! God has **something better** for you! (Hebrews 11:40)

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Icebreaker: *If you were a weather reporter, how would you describe the conditions of the year 2023?* (Example: sunny, stormy, cold, dry, etc.)
2. Read Genesis 12:1-3. *Describe in your own words the promise God gave to Abraham. How would you respond if you were given this promise?*
3. Read Genesis 12:4-6. Trusting God rarely involves easy choices. Every choice to follow God involves sacrifice—our desires, plans, security, and even knowing the full details.
 - *If God were to have you leave your comfort zone to take on the challenges of the unfamiliar, how would you respond?*
 - *Do you trust the Lord's character enough to obey Him without having all the details worked out?*
 - *Are you willing to accept a short-term loss in order to receive divine blessings you cannot see?*
4. If you're discussing your decision with too many people or talking in endless circles, most likely you're making obedience complicated. Look at some of these traps and choose one that describe you:
 - *You're hoping someone will give you a compelling reason to do something other than what you know in your heart to be God's will.*
 - *You're hoping to find a way to obey without having to face hardship and sacrifice.*
 - *You don't like risk and you're hoping God will change His mind if you delay your decision.*
 - *You're hoping that by talking and waiting, you'll feel good about the decision before having to commit.*
5. Like Abraham, God invites us to trust Him into the unknown. If God called on you and your family to sell your home, quit your job, raise money, and move to another country to be a full-time missionary, how would you respond? If God told you to stay in a difficult job because you could be a witness to your coworkers, how would you respond? It is easy to say yes to God when the benefit of doing so is evident and the reward great. But what about when saying yes to God only brings with it a terrible, frightening unknown? What if it means, as with Abraham, stepping away from the familiar, fun, and comfortable to head into the unknown? Read Hebrews 11:8-12, describe how Abraham responded to God's call upon His life.
6. In what area of your faith, family and purpose God is sensing you to lead in this year. Close your Life Group Meeting by praying for one another.