Faith
(Genesis 12:1-5)

The Call to Faith.

• (Genesis 12:1) “The Lord had said”. (past tense)
  ◦ The ‘God of Glory’ originally appeared to Abraham while he was in Mesopotamia (Ur) (Acts 7:2-3).
  ◦ Like the Damascus Road call of Paul, there was no doubt in Abraham’s mind that this was God talking. (Acts 9:1-6)
  ◦ The call was probably renewed when they moved to Haran.

• (Genesis 12:2) “Leave”.
  ◦ The call to Abraham was to leave his country, his friends and his family and go to a land God will show him. Abraham and his family were pagans. They more than likely worshiped the moon god “Nannar”. (Joshua 24:2, Isaiah 44:9-20)
  ◦ God calls people. (1 Timothy 2:4, 2 Corinthians 6:14-17a)

The Benefit of Faith.

• (Genesis 12:2-3) “I will bless you”, “you will be a blessing”, “I will bless those who bless you” and “all people will be blessed through you”.
  ◦ Through Abraham’s descendants would come Jesus, the Ultimate Blessing. (Matthew 1:1-16)

• God forgives our outstanding sin debt and then credits our spiritual bank account. (Genesis 15:6, Romans 4:3, Galatians 3:6, James 2:23)
  ◦ Only when we believe in the Gospel, “by faith”. Romans 1:17

The Step of Faith.

• (Genesis 12:4-5) “So Abraham left, as the Lord told him”.
• Faith. What is it?
  ◦ From the world’s view: “Seeing is believing.” (John 20:24-29)
  ◦ From a Biblical view. (Hebrews 11:1-3, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, 5:7)
• How do I get it? (Romans 10:17)
• What do I do with it? (James 2:17)