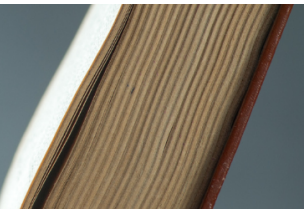




A NEW THING



Talk summary:



STOP, GET READY & GO (The Call of Abram & Sarai) [Genesis 12:1-9]

1. **STOP** - God calls Abram & Sarai to leave their country (Gen 12:1) – even though at the time it didn't make sense and it was leaving behind security, status and belonging
So what? – what is God calling us individually and as a community to let go of and lay down for Him in this season? Where are we seeking security, status and purpose away from God?
2. **GET READY**- God prepares Abram (& Sarai) to trust his covenant promise to be a blessing to the world (Gen 12:2&3)
So what? – how is God wanting to prepare our hearts for the new thing he has for us in the season ahead? How might we continue to intentionally seek his leading for us?
3. **GO** - Abram & Sarai dedicate themselves to God on the way (Gen 12:4) (God wants to prepare us for the next chapter by re-dedicating our lives to him) As together we ask God to show us the next step on the journey, let us allow God to purify our hearts, let us ask the Spirit to help us truly surrender to his purposes rather than our own agendas
So what? – might we ask the Spirit to help us to consecrate (set apart) and dedicate our lives to Jesus that we may wholeheartedly follow wherever He leads us?

Questions:

Conversation Starter

- *What might currently be stopping me following Jesus wholeheartedly wherever He may lead?*

What might God be saying to me about this theme/situation?

What have I learnt that I want to hold on to?

How am I going to put it into practice?