

# INFINITE DEPTH: *REVISITING CLASSICS FROM GENESIS*

## GENESIS 50

### The Call of Abram

Gen 12:1-9

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. 2 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. 5 He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. 6 Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 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. 9 Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

A study of the life of Abraham is a study of the journey of the Christian faith, which is why the Apostle Paul describes it so prototypically in Romans 4:3 "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

. When you trust the Lord's promises, no test is impossible, and no failure is permanent. So, today, we're looking at God's MO of calling sinners... I. The Confusion About Calls II. The Reality of Calls III. The Grace of the Call

**Question #1 Where are you in the Abramitic Covenant?**

**Question #2 All believers are called by God for meaning, purpose, and ministry. Martin Luther and later reformers taught this truth to their congregations. Explain how God's calling technique has changed over the centuries.**

**Question #3 How does the doctrine of vocation elevate your 9-5 job?**

**Question #4 Share an experience where a believer was positive God was leading them and he was not. Abram, like every subsequent believer, needed to learn that the only safe foundation in life is not what he sees and feels, but what God has said. How can our feelings be counterfeit guidance?**

**Question #5** Pastor Hein used the terms...Affinity, Ability, and Opportunity...to help a Christian know they have been called by God. Explain after reading Romans 12: 1-8.

**Question #6** When God called Abraham he called him from Haran to the Promised Land. What is God trying to call you from? Where does he want you to be?

**Question #7** Abram's whole life was lived in a gap between promise and reality. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. How is your life similar to Abraham's?

**Question #8** Describe how God has dealt with you using promises not demands. List 7.

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**Question #9** Analyze John 8:56. What motivated our brother Abram to have such ridiculous faith? How can we follow his lead?

Closing Prayer – Make sure to take prayer requests for one another.