



Just Step Out

Exploring the Wild Frontier of Faith

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Life, Interrupted

Genesis 11:27-12:4a

Introduction: How do you feel when your life is interrupted?

How Abram SHOULD have responded...

⇒ "I don't even KNOW you!" *Genesis 11:27-32, Joshua 24:2*

⇒ "I'm too COMFORTABLE" *Genesis 11:32, 12:5*

⇒ "I'm not GOOD enough!"

▪ "I'm too OLD" *Genesis 12:5*

▪ "I can't DO this!" *Genesis 11:30*

But instead, Abram WENT...but WHY???

⇒ Maybe our comfy, familiar lives are not all they're cracked up to be.

⇒ Maybe this crazy invitation is actually the chance of a lifetime.

Concluding Questions:

- Have you felt God interrupt your life with a crazy invitation?
- If so, how have you responded to it? Can you hear Jesus knocking on your door?

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Debrief Plan: 1/13/2019

Icebreakers:

1. Have you ever done something really fun on the spur of the moment? Tell your group the story!
2. Describe a big change that turned your world upside down. Did you like it at first? Why or why not? Did you eventually feel differently about it?

Sermon Summary: God likes to interrupt our comfortable, familiar lives with crazy invitations to step out into the unknown with Him. It's easy to refuse and just protect our predictable pleasures, but if we do, we will be missing the miracle waiting for us out in the unknown.

Discussion Questions:

1. What kind of interruptions does God seem to use to disrupt our familiar, comfortable lives?
2. Which of the three objections to accepting God's invitation to step out do you relate to the most and WHY?
3. What kind of risks was God asking Abram to take in Genesis 12:1-3?

* "I Don't Even KNOW you!"

4. Can you really trust someone that you don't know?
5. How can someone who doesn't have any childhood knowledge of God get to know Him well enough to decide if they should trust Him with their lives?

* "I'm too COMFORTABLE!"

6. What are some of the comforts that you find it hard to set aside in order to step out and head out into the unknown?

* "I'm not GOOD Enough!"

7. What are some insecurities that prevent you from accepting God's crazy invitation to step out?
8. What is it about getting older that makes us so resistant to change (even good change)?
9. Have you ever come to the realization that your comfortable and familiar life wasn't able to satisfy you? Tell the story to your group.

Prayer Prompters: (*Consider splitting into small groups of 2 or 4 to pray!*)

-Ask God to help you see yourself in Abram and your story in his story during this series over the next few months.

-Ask God to help you hear his knocking and have the courage to open the door.