



# Just Step Out

## Exploring the Wild Frontier of Faith

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# Survival Mode

Genesis 12:4-13:4

Introduction: Trusting God is almost easy...until a crisis hits you and makes you reconsider.

⇒ Crises make you QUESTION what you thought you knew about God.  
(Genesis 12:10)

⇒ We often react by going into SURVIVAL mode. (Genesis 12:11-16)

But what does that mean?

- We take CHARGE and develop our own SURVIVAL plan.
- We SACRIFICE whatever is necessary to survive.

⇒ What can we learn about God from Abram's experience?

- God is unconditionally FAITHFUL. (Genesis 12:17)
- God is a God of GRACE.
- God knows how to HUMBLE our PRIDE. (Genesis 12:18-20)
- God gives SECOND chances. (Genesis 13:1-4)

Concluding Questions:

- Are you in "survival mode" right now? What have you sacrificed in the process?
- Are you ready to go back to where you left the path and begin again with God?

FIRST BAPTIST HORSEHEADS

# LIFE GROUPS



Debrief Plan: 2/3/2019

Icebreakers:

1. What is your favorite thing to do when you get snowed in?
2. If you were stranded on a desert island, what is one fun thing you would want to have with you to help you pass the time until you were rescued? (You already have a Bible, food, clothing, and shelter.)

Sermon Summary: When crisis hits, we often enter "survival mode," where we abandon our trust in God and take back control, sacrificing whatever is necessary to survive. This only makes matters worse. Thankfully, God uses everything to teach us more about who He is so that we can come to trust Him more completely.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever experienced the truth of the statement "when it rains, it pours"? Tell your group about it.

\* CRISIS

2. What questions pop into YOUR head when you're first faced with a crisis?
3. When you face a crisis, is it harder to believe that God CAN help you or that God CARES about you? Explain your answer.

\* SURVIVAL MODE

4. Can you recognize when you are entering "survival mode"? What are the warning signs you notice that tell you something isn't right internally?
5. What does it look like when you "take back control" of your life from God?
6. Are you good at developing with plans to survive? How'd you get good at it?
7. What kind of things do we tend to sacrifice in order to survive?

\* GOD REVEALS HIMSELF TO US

8. Which of the four things that Abram learned about God do you most need to learn (or remind yourself) about God in a crisis?
9. On a scale of 1-10, how easy is it for you to receive grace when it's offered? Why is that, do you think?
10. Has God ever humbled your pride in an unexpected way? Tell the story.

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

- Ask God to make you AWARE when you are crossing over into "survival mode" and help you to turn back towards trust before it's too late.
- Pray for each other to always be willing to humble ourselves and begin again!