



FAITH AS JOURNEY

Invitation into the Journey

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Genesis 11:10-12:3

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This is the account of Shem's family line.

Two years after the flood, when Shem was 100 years old, he became the father of Arphaxad. And after he became the father of Arphaxad, Shem lived 500 years and had other sons and daughters.

When Arphaxad had lived 35 years, he became the father of Shelah. And after he became the father of Shelah, Arphaxad lived 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

When Shelah had lived 30 years, he became the father of Eber. And after he became the father of Eber, Shelah lived 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

When Eber had lived 34 years, he became the father of Peleg. And after he became the father of Peleg, Eber lived 430 years and had other sons and daughters.

When Peleg had lived 30 years, he became the father of Reu. And after he became the father of Reu, Peleg lived 209 years and had other sons and daughters.

When Reu had lived 32 years, he became the father of Serug. And after he became the father of Serug, Reu lived 207 years and had other sons and daughters.

When Serug had lived 30 years, he became the father of Nahor. And after he became the father of Nahor, Serug lived 200 years and had other sons and daughters.

When Nahor had lived 29 years, he became the father of Terah. And after he became the father of Terah, Nahor lived 119 years and had other sons and daughters.

After Terah had lived 70 years, he became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran.

This is the account of Terah's family line.

Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran. And Haran became the father of Lot. While his father Terah was still alive, Haran died in Ur of the Chaldeans, in the land of his birth. Abram and Nahor both married. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milkah; she was the daughter of Haran, the father of both Milkah and Iskah. Now Sarai was childless because she was not able to conceive.

Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they came to Harran, they settled there.

Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Harran.

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. 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. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Genesis 11:10-12

Shem had a kid at 100 years old and lived to be 500 years old

Arphaxad had a kid at 35 years old and lived to be 403.

Genesis 11:10-12

Serug had a Nahor at 30 years old and lived to be 200

Nahor had Terah at 29 years old and lived to be 119.

Genesis 11:30

Now Sarai was childless because she was not able to conceive.

"Despair is the death of our sense of surprise, the belief that nothing new can happen to us. We despair at the precise moment when, consciously or unconsciously, we say in resignation: 'That is the way I am, that is the way things have always been for me, and

that is the way it will always be. For me, it's too late!' Once this has been said, we are in a tomb. Much of us is dead, and more of us is still dying."

- Ronald Rolheiser

Genesis 12:1

The Lord...

Romans 4:17b

...give life to the dead and call into being things that were not.

The Promises of God are God's spoken commitment to create a future that the present cannot generate on its own.

God does not need to depend on any great potentiality in the people He calls!

God's invitation is never easy.

The invitation of God... "is a call for a dangerous departure from the presumed world of norms and security."

- Walter Brueggemann

Genesis 12:1

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you."

The Moment of Awakening

The moment of awakening is the moment of encounter with God and encounter with self.

"Go...and I will show you."

A life lived with faith will "feel like" struggle.

Matthew 16:25

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.