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MESSAGE NOTES - MAY 24th, 2026

(FATHER ABRAHAM pt. 1)

Faith isn't a straight line of perfect performance; it's a messy journey of relying entirely on God's unmerited favor.

What is your most comfortable place to rest, recline, feel peace?

Grace gives you the security to step into the unknown before you have all the answers.

Joshua 24:2 “Joshua said to the people, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Long ago your ancestors, including Terah, the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River, and they worshiped other gods.”

Genesis 12:1-9 NLT The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. 3 I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.” 4 So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

5 He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all his wealth—his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household at Haran—and headed for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, 6 Abram traveled through the land as far as Shechem. There he set up camp beside the oak of Moreh. At that time, the area was inhabited by Canaanites. 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your descendants.” And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 After that, Abram traveled south and set up camp in the hill country, with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. There he built another altar and dedicated it to the Lord, and he worshiped the Lord. 9 Then Abram continued traveling south by stages toward the Negev.

GRACE INTERRUPTS OUR COMFORT

Genesis 12:1 “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you.”

GRACE ENSURES OUR FUTURE

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GRACE INITIATES OUR OBEDIENCE

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Where have you settled for comfort instead of responding to what God has for you next (no matter your circumstances)?

If your future and the future of New Beginnings is assured by God’s “I wills...” what are we actually afraid of losing?

When have you delayed or said no to because you can’t see, or maybe even don’t like, the steps to follow?

“God, I don’t have the answers, but I trust Your grace. I’m stepping out in faith.”

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