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Topic: **The Life of Abraham – Taking God at His Word**

Scripture Text: Genesis 12:1-5

1. The grandest theme of Christianity is faith. Abraham is known as the father of faith. Faith can be described with its acronym as “Forsaking All I Take Thee”. Yes true faith is to take God at His Word.
2. In the context leading to Gen 12, God has called Abraham to leave the sinful city Ur of Chaldees. This city Ur is prosperous, well-populated and well-fortified but an idolatrous city. Abraham was called to get out of the city to go to an unknown place that God will show him. Abraham has to leave his kindred and to uproot to obey God’s call.
3. By faith, Abraham obeyed God and left Ur at the age of 75 years old. He died at the age of 175 years old in Canaan which means he spent 100 years away from his homeland. In verse 1, Abraham received God’s Word and has no doubt and no question in following God.
4. In verses 2-3, we see how Abraham received the promises of God that from him will come a great nation and a blessing. Although Abraham had no children then, he trusted and believed God’s promises. He knew God will make a great nation through his descendants and the Messiah will come from his descendants.
5. In verses 4-5, Abraham manifested obedience in receiving God’s Word. He followed the Lord’s leading to the land of Canaan though it is a hazardous place. Though Abraham never saw the great nation with his physical eyes, yet by faith he knew God would accomplish it which God did in forming the nation Israel and the Lord Jesus Christ being born from the line of Abraham.