

“Beyond Gather”

1. READ

Scripture: Genesis 12: 1 New King James Version (NKJV)

The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you.





Suggested Chapters to Study This Week: Genesis 12: 1-8 and Matthew 12: 46-50

REFLECT



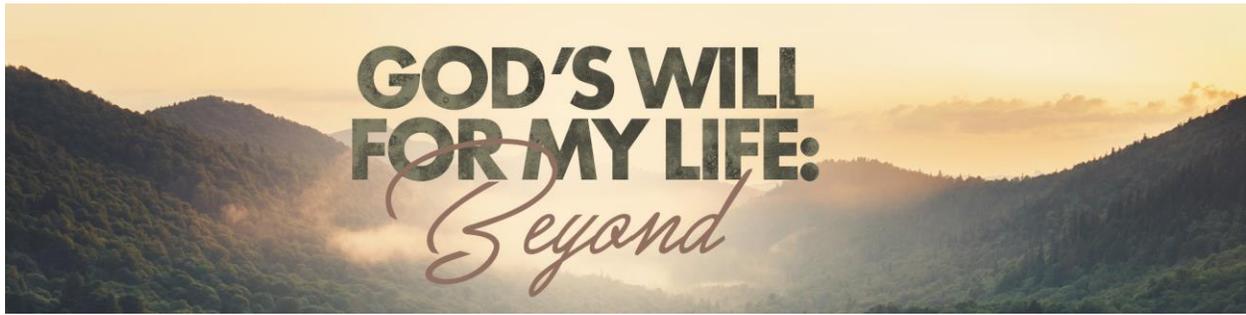
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Pastor Watley begins a new sermon series this month entitled “God’s Will For My Life”. Pastor shares that God’s will for our lives is:

- Beyond **who** you are now
- Beyond **what** you are doing now
- Beyond **where** you are now

God has more in store for us than we can imagine. To help us understand, Pastor is using this section of Genesis and the story of Abram. Pastor shares that in the text, the first thing that happens is that God speaks to Abram with this line “The Lord Said”. Pastor’s point here is that before anything happens to Abram, God spoke, and what he spoke was something, as Pastor labels it:





- Something new for Abram
- Something new in Abram
- Something new of Abram

God isn't just speaking to Abram, but Pastor shares that God is also speaking these things to us, something New; for us, in us, and of us. We must be ready to receive it. Pastor tells us the question is really for us, and are we ready to allow God to move in our lives? The Pastor also points out that God didn't just speak, but he spoke specifically to Abram. Abram is the father of the three great religions Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. All of this because God spoke to him, and this same God is speaking to us right now.

Pastor shares that the Lord said to Abram, "Leave"

- Leave your way of defining family (Matthew 12:46-50)
- Leave your way of dealing with people
- Leave your way of living your life

God is calling us to leave because there is more, but Pastor says this line "You Can Not Go Without Leaving". Abram couldn't get what God had for him in the next place if he didn't leave the first place. God is calling us Beyond Gathering to do more. It's our turn to move.





1. RESPOND

Introspective Questions

- ï What are you willing to leaving for God
- ï What do you need to change in order to leave?

Discussion Questions

- ï How do you think Abram felt about being told to leave what he knew?
- ï How do you think those following Abram reacted to the call to leave and go where they didn't know?

