

# **Forsaking Your Comfort Zone**

## **Genesis 12:1-5**

- I. “Leave your country, your people, your father’s household and go to the land I will show you,” Genesis 12:1.
  - A. Ur-excavated in 1920’s. Well developed and comfortable.
  - B. People – all that is familiar & convenient.
  - C. Family
- II. “But God, it’s so comfor-table here!”
  - A. Left Ur but settled in Haran, Genesis 11:31.
  - B. Haran–north of Ur but not in Canaan.
- III. “They set out for...Canaan. And they arrived there,” Genesis 12:5.
- IV. Finding the ability to forsake your comfort zone.
  - A. Trust God’s intentions.
    - 1. Never intends misery.
    - 2. Always intends a superior comfort zone, Genesis 12:2-3; Hebrews 12:2; Jeremiah 29:11.
    - 3. Always in-tends to make you a blessing Genesis 12:3; 22:18; Matthew 4:19.
    - 4. Always intends to honor you, Genesis 12:2; Isaiah 50:7; 54:4.
  - B. Trust God’s patience with your hesitation.
    - 1. God isn’t anti-comfort, 1 Timothy 6:17; James 1:17.
    - 2. He is against slavery to inferior comfort.
    - 3. So, he patiently waits for us to choose freedom, Genesis 11:31, 12:5.
    - 4. Hesitation doesn’t disqualify you.
  - C. Tear your-self away from inferior comfort zones.
    - 1. The moment of separation must come, Genesis 12:4; Matthew 19:21-22.
    - 2. Make the break in spite of fear, Ezra 3:3; Psalm 56:3.
- V. Surrender yourself to “the God of all comfort,” 2 Corinthians 1:3.