

## Faith Forward Introduction

**In the Bible, like in any good novel or movie, there are plots and subplots:**

- **We leave the familiar and venture to uncertainty**
- **There are the perils of . . .**
  - loneliness and broken relationships**
  - uncertainty, life and death**
  - insecurity; will God provide?**

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**Please feel free to come down to the front for prayer after service.**

**"...pray for one another..." James 5:16**

*"This was Stephen's reply: 'Brothers and fathers listen to me. Our glorious God appeared to our ancestor Abraham in Mesopotamia before he settled in Haran. God told him, "Leave your native land and your relatives, and come into the land that I will show you." So Abraham left the land of the Chaldeans and lived in Haran until his father died. Then God brought him here to the land where you now live.'"*

*Acts 7:2-4 (NLT)*

## 1. Faith forward will open new frontiers

**Frontier:** an outer limit in a field of endeavor, especially one in which the opportunities for research and development have not been exploited

In what condition would you describe your faith today?

- Stalled
- Failed
- Declining
- Lacking
- Thriving

## 2. Faith forward begins with vital contact with God

*“Abraham was, humanly speaking, the founder of our Jewish nation. What did he discover about being made right with God? If his good deeds had made him acceptable to God, he would have had something to boast about. But that was not God’s way. For the Scriptures tell us, ‘Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.’”*

*Romans 4:1-3 (NLT)*

## 3. Faith forward requires a response of courage

What is the most courageous thing you have ever done?

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*“Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, ‘That’s how many descendants you will have!’ And Abraham’s faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah’s womb.”*

*Romans 4:18-19 (NLT)*

## 4. Faith forward may demand an unsure destination

*“By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.”*

*Hebrews 11:8-10 (NIV)*

## 5. Faith forward will demand a God confidence

*“Sometime later, God tested Abraham’s faith. ‘Abraham!’ God called. ‘Yes,’ he replied. ‘Here I am.’ ‘Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you.’”* Genesis 22:1-2 (NLT)