

CROSSING OVER

Reaching beyond

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New Year means new opportunities, new blessings and new level of challenges in life. We do not want to look back into those disappointments, discouragements, failures and unfulfilled dreams etc. But we want to enter into the New Year with Faith and Hope in the God who holds the future for us.

In this new year may you see the guidance of the Lord daily, be satisfied by His presence, peace, provision and protection.



The extraordinary life of
Abraham



I. God saw Abraham as a potential man to fulfil His purpose in the world. (*Acts 7: 2*)

Yet God saw some hindrances in Abraham's life that would not allow him to fulfil God's purpose in life.

- Abraham's country
- His people
- His father's household

So, God promised Abraham that if he was prepared to separate himself from his old life and relationships, God would-

- Make him a new great nation
- Make his name great
- Make his life a blessing

All these promises that God gave him were in line with His plan of salvation for man.

Nothing God does in the world is without His plan. The plan of God is "NONE SHOULD PERISH"

So He chose a man from the heathenistic background and used him to become the father of many nations and the father of all who would believe in God. (*Galatians 3:6 & 9*)

II. Abraham's hesitation to move forward in faith. (*Genesis 15:1-6*)

There are events in Abraham's journey of faith that caused him to have some unnatural fear and doubt about the promises of God.

(Don't we all have such fears in life about the fulfilment of God's promises in our lives?)

So God promised him that He would be His shield and reward if Abraham kept obeying God and walk the walk of faith towards the destination. (*Genesis 15:1*)

III. God's challenge to Abraham was to trust for that which is beyond the normal. (*Genesis 15:4-6*)

God asked Abraham to come out of his tent to see what God had prepared to show and give him.

Come Out...Look Up... Look Beyond...

Come out of your doubts and fear look up to God!

Look up to God



"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." C. S. Lewis

God promised Abraham a son - and in that line would come the Savior of the world. (*Galatians 3:16*)

Little did Abraham realize that in that promise he was getting a Savior who would be the one to fulfil God's redemption plan for mankind.

So God told Abraham to *look beyond in faith* for what lies ahead for his inheritance was beyond his own doubts and fears.

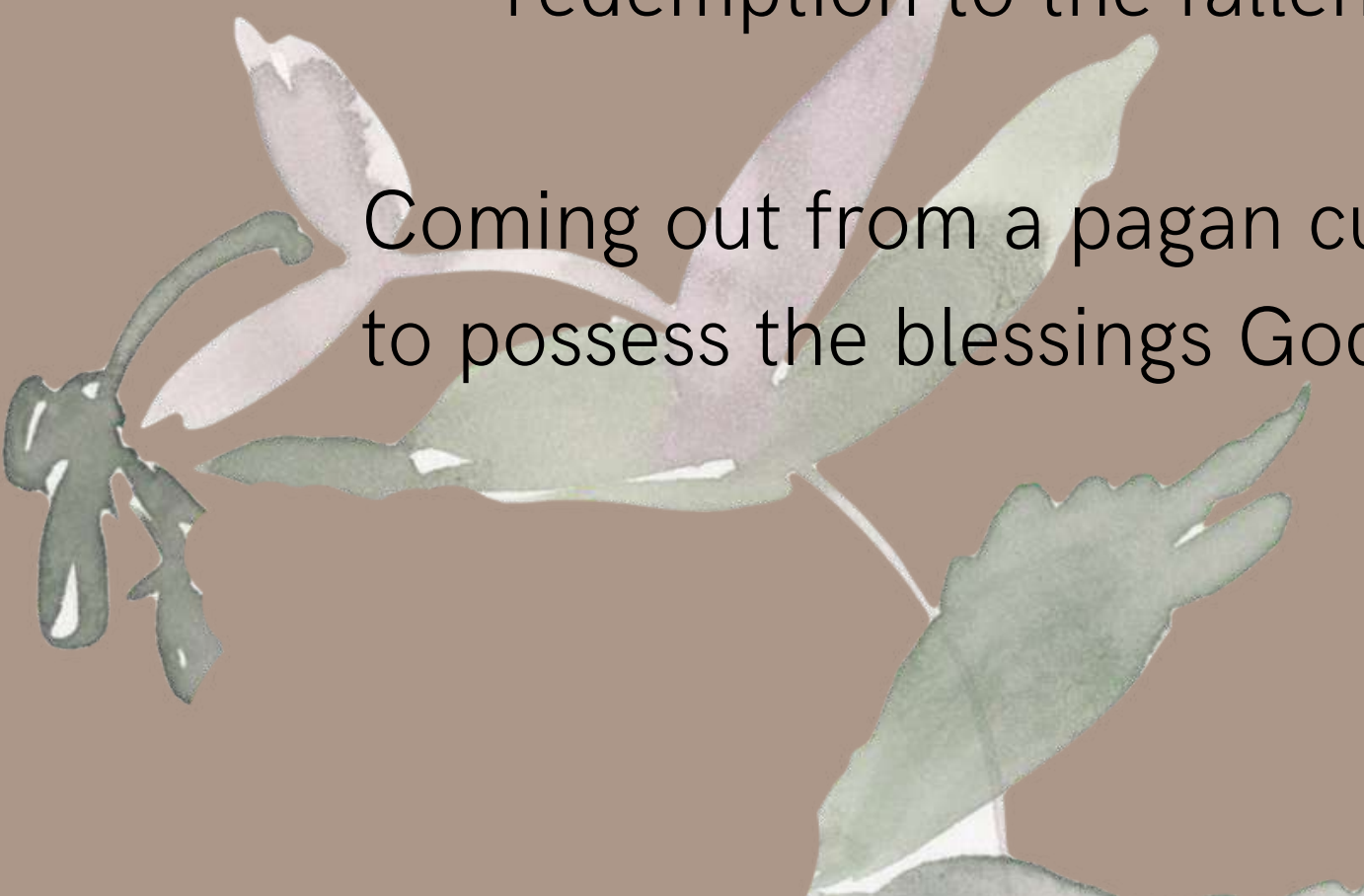
God is asking you today the way He asked Abraham to trust Him for that which is beyond your reach!

The word of God can come at any time in your life. You are not too old to think that God will not speak to you or ask you to do something.

God assures victory to everyone who choose to follow Him and work out His will in their daily life.

- God called Abraham from a pagan culture (*Acts 7:1-8 & Joshua 24:2-4*) to fulfil His eternal purposes.
- God made Abraham into a great nation and through his Seed, He brought redemption to the fallen man! (*Galatians 3:13& 14 & Matt 1:1*)

Coming out from a pagan culture, Abraham had to stretch himself to trust God in order to possess the blessings God had promised him.



MISSIONAL MESSAGE TO GCLC

1. Worship and glorify God
2. Minister to the body of Christ
3. Win the lost for Jesus!



GCLC is totally committed to fulfil the purposes of God.

God is first and foremost in our lives.

1. We love God with all of our hearts and worship Him
2. We love His body, the church and will do everything to prepare His body for every good work and to present it before God, the Father as a perfect Bride of Christ.
3. We love the lost world for whom Jesus shed His blood. No one should perish (*John 3:16*) will always be our theme. We will do everything within our means to give, go and serve to let people hear the good news of Christ!
4. We will spend our resources to help those who are in need and show the love of Christ. (Compassionate ministry)

What qualities God is expecting of you to receive His hidden blessings in life and ministry?

1. FAITH

Abraham's faith was credited unto his righteousness with God

2. OBEDIENCE

Abraham was willing to lay his son Isaac on the altar

3. DETERMINATION

Abraham's desire was to please God at all times

4. SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

Abraham not knowing where he was going but believing that the One who promised is faithful

5. NEVER ACCEPT FAILURE

(Failure is the first step to success). *"Though the righteous man may fall seven times, he will get up. But the wicked will stumble into ruin." (Proverbs 24:16)*

Men and women of faith do not give up. They can see the Promise in the dark.

"I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may now that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name!" (Isaiah 45:3)

ANOTHER STORY OF FAITH

II Kings 13: 14 - 20

Elisha told the king of Israel, Jehoash to shoot the arrows into open air. *(Vs. 15 - 17)*

Then Elisha asked him to strike the ground with the arrows.

Jehoash did not realize that Elisha was testing his attitude toward what the prophet had asked him to do.

Sometimes, we think what God asks us to do does not make any sense.

Ministry does not make sense to some people if it's not a big assignment.

It is the ATTITUDE that counts in the ministry than your ABILITY

Elisha thought Jehoash would strike the ground at least 5 to 6 times but he quit tafter striking the ground 3 times. (People who quit too soon do not understand the significance of the word of God).

Go beyond your ability, beyond your capacity, to see the hidden truth in God's economy.

In faith,
reaching beyond in 2022!

