

WHAT DOES A GENUINE RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL LOOK LIKE?
LESSONS FROM THE CALL OF ABRAHAM AND HIS RESPONSE
Genesis 11:10-32

- I. **LEADING TO THE CALL OF ABRAHAM, we see he is in the line of Shem (11:10-26)**

- II. **UNDERSTAND GOD CALLS US TO IN FAITH LEAVE OUR OLD LIFE BEHIND, OBEYING AND FOLLOWING HIM: Abraham is called out of Ur (11:27-31a)**
 - A. **The scene is set for the call of Abraham:** He is a pagan, from a pagan family, married to a pagan wife who is barren, in a pagan land (11:27-30, Joshua 24)

 - B. **The initial call in Ur and Abraham's response in obedient faith:** Abraham is called and leaves with his family for Canaan (31a, Acts 7:2-5)
 1. As **God calls Abraham** we see He us personally through His Word (Acts 7:2-3)

 2. As God called Abraham we see **the call is to leave our old life of sin and follow and obey the Lord** (Acts 7:2-3, Josh. 24)

 3. It is by faith we respond in obedience: **Abraham obeyed** (31a, Heb. 11:8)

- III. **BE WARNED, WHILE FOLLOWING JESUS WE CAN SO EASILY SETTLE BACK INTO ELEMENTS OF OUR OLD LIFESTYLE:** Abraham intending to go to Canaan temporally settled short in Haran (11:31b-32)

- IV. **BE THANKFUL GOD REITERATES HIS CALL IN HIS WORD AND RESPOND:** God reiterates His call and Abraham responds in obedience to the Lord's call and goes to Canaan (12:1-4) (Lord willing, we will look at 12:1-4 in more detail next week)