

## Bible Study

### Lesson: Genesis 10-12

The generations after Noah grew and filled the earth and their nations all spoke the same language. In these chapters we see that people came together with a plan to build a city with a tower, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth” (Genesis 11: 4). Such hubris and ambition, right? What exactly were their motives? Was it for God's glory? Was it a longing to be closer to God? Or was it for their own self-serving glory and self-importance, to demonstrate their prowess? The end result of the people's efforts to build the tower was that God confused their language. In turn they stopped building the city, and were scattered over the face of the earth (Genesis 11: 7-9). God detests pride. Pride says we can do things on our own without God, even though, in truth, God is our source. Pride says we're wise in our own eyes and don't need to learn from God. Thinking that we don't need God and that we are powerful in our own right can lead us into the hands of the enemy who is always ready to use pride and arrogance to produce evil. All our wisdom and our strength come from God; a God that is mighty, powerful, great, and all knowing; a God who loves us enough to depart His throne,

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make the ultimate sacrifice and die in flesh for our sins. Acknowledging that awesome truth is where we can shed pride and find the humility which God desires.

Next, we see the genealogy of Abraham the patriarch. When Abraham lived with his family in his native land Ur of the Chaldeans, the Lord chose him for a very special purpose, “The Lord had said to Abram, go from your country, your people and your father's house hold to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you” (Genesis 12: 1-3). Abraham was a very faithful man and that is why God chose him. Faith is why God chooses many of us to lead and accomplish things in His name. As it says in Hebrews 11: 1, faith is the substance of hope, the evidence of things not seen. When we connect with God in our hearts, souls, and minds, and believe in Him because we feel our in born connection to Him, that faithfulness can move mountains. That same faithfulness that is within us is what God saw in Abraham and used for His divine purpose. Because of Abraham's faith, Abraham followed God's instructions, left his native land, and went to the land that God promised, and even though he saw that the land was inhabited by the Canaanites, he did not doubt what God said to him, “To your descendants I will give this land” (Genesis 12:7). Abraham trusted God, and Abraham's faithfulness led him to receive his inheritance and the blessing of his descendants, which lead to our savior Jesus Christ.

**Take-away:** God detest pride/ God needs faithful people/ God uses faithful people for His divine purpose/ Faith leads to monumental impact and achievements.

## Devotional

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*What is your experience with pride being a detrimental thing?*

*We all struggle with pride, some a little, some a lot. Are you more of a humble person or a prideful person? How can you practice being more humble?*

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*What is your faith level on a scale of 1-10, and why did you choose the number you chose?*

*What would you do with more faith in God? How would your life be different?*