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## *Daily Devotions* June 1-7, 2026

Devotions are to use in your Quiet Time with the Lord and are designed to prepare you for the sermon next Sunday.

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### **Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

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#### **Scripture: Hebrews 11:8 & Genesis 12:1-9**

Abram's story begins with a call that contains more mystery than detail: "Go to the land I will show you." No map. No timeline. No explanation. Hebrews tells us that Abram obeyed and went "even though he did not know where he was going." Faith often means walking into the unknown. We prefer clarity. We want God to show us where we are going to end up. But God doesn't work that way. It takes us through our days one step at a time. Abram's blessing came after the step, not before it. Your calling may not come with full instructions. But God's presence is the guarantee that you will not walk alone. Faith is not knowing the whole path. It is trusting God as God leads.

**Prayer:** Lord, give me the courage to follow You into the unknown.

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### **Tuesday: June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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#### **Scripture: Luke 5:11 & Genesis 12:1-9**

Abram had to leave his country, his people, and his father's household. Jesus later calls His disciples to leave their nets. They had to leave their lives and everything that was normal to their daily routines. God's invitations often require letting go before receiving something new. Leaving is hardly ever easy. When life is familiar, it feels safe. But God calls us out of comfort so He can lead us into wonderful and exciting times. Abram's obedience opened the door to a future he could not have imagined. Sometimes God asks us to release what is good so He can give what is better. The life of faith is a journey of loosening our grip on the familiar so we can take hold of God's future.

**Prayer:** God, help me release anything that keeps me from following You fully.

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### **Wednesday: June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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#### **Scripture: Ephesians 3:20-21 & Genesis 12:1-9**

God tells Abram, "I will make you into a great nation... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Abram had no children. No land. No influence. Yet God spoke a promise that stretched far beyond anything that Abram could imagine. Paul reminds us that God is able to do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." Abram's story shows us that God's promises are not limited by what we know right now. God sees ahead. He speaks future into places that look like nothing could survive. When God speaks, it shall be so. It is not based on your ability. It is based on what God can do. Your limitations do not limit Him. God's promises are always bigger.

**Prayer:** Lord, expand my vision to see beyond my limitations.

### **Thursday: June 4<sup>th</sup>**

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#### **Scripture: Psalm 84:5-7 & Genesis 12:1-9**

As Abram traveled through Canaan, he built altars. He worshiped at all times. Even before he knew the end of his story. Psalm 84 describes those whose hearts are set on a journey. They seek ways to go from place to place and time to time and look for God along the way. Worship is not something we save for when everything is done and pleasant. It is what creates steadiness on the road. Abram's altars were signs of gratitude and trust. They were reminders that God was with him even when the promise was still not quite done. Your journey may feel unfinished, uncertain, or slow. Build altars anyway. Worship anyway. God meets you not just at the destination but in every step along the way.

**Prayer:** God, teach me to worship in the middle of the journey.

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### **Friday: June 5<sup>th</sup>**

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#### **Scripture: James 2:22-23 & Genesis 12:1-9**

Abram didn't just believe God. He let God move him. He packed his belongings and house and stepped onto a road he had never traveled. James reminds us that faith is made complete by action. Belief becomes real when it shapes our steps. We often wait for perfect clarity before acting. But faith grows through movement. Abram's obedience was not perfect, but it was real. Each step made his strength stronger. Faith is not static. It is something that moves as we do. God rarely calls us to comfort. He calls us to movement. Take the next faithful step, even when we cannot see the whole path.

**Prayer:** Lord, move my faith from belief to action.

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### **Saturday: June 6<sup>th</sup>**

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#### **Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16 & Genesis 12:1-9**

God tells Abram, "I will bless you... and you will be a blessing." The blessing was never meant to stop with Abram. It was meant to flow through him to the world. Jesus brings this same idea to us when He tells His followers, "You are the light of the world." God's blessings are not trophies. They are to be tools for us to use for the world. We are not supposed to hide them either. We need to share them.

Abram's life became a line to see God's goodness, mercy, and promise. Our lives are meant to do the same. When God blesses us, especially in His growth and grace, He asks us to mirror it to the world around us. You are blessed to bless. You are given light to shine. You are called to carry God's goodness into the lives around you.

**Prayer:** God, make me a vessel of Your blessing.

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### **Sunday, June 7, 2026**

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**Title:** To Be a Blessing

**Scripture:** Genesis 12:1-9

**Worship at 10:00am**

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