

WELCOME! We're glad you're here and have decided to join us today!

This week, continuing on the theme of RADICAL OBEDIENCE, we look at the example of Abram in Genesis 12:1-4.

TEACHER: Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12:1-4

SUMMARY: Abram leaves his country.

While focusing on this passage, think about some of these questions:

- WHY? Why does the Lord ask Abram to leave? Why not just stay where he is?
- What was the struggle for Abram? Why would it have been hard for him to leave?
- Without thinking ahead to the rest of the story, summarize what God was showing Abram and what God was asking Abram to do.

For us, in our lives, God can ask us to leave things (or start things)! We have the blessing of hearing a testimony from Jamie Negus, a Living Water member who has begun a journey of seminary and ministry, seeking to follow where God is calling him!

May this passage and this testimony be used by the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and cause us to wonder some of these things:

- What is God calling me to leave? What is God calling me to start?
- What are the promises God is making to me while He asks me to follow?
- What is the end goal? Why is God asking me to this?

If God is working in you today, pray this "dangerous" prayer. Know that He will stay faithful, even when we are faithless!

"I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

PRaise: We celebrate with Allen and Kelsey Oetken on the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Ann, born on February 2nd. Eleanor weighed 8lbs 4oz and was 20 1/2 inches long. She is welcomed home by big sister and brother, Olivia and Henry. (OC)

PRAY: Please continue prayers for Sheri Hansen following surgery this past week to remove multiple kidney stones in both kidneys. Prayers for her recovery and that her body will respond well to the temporary stent. (OC)

PRAY: Pray for Amy and Amaya Vande Vegte who will be traveling with Paradise Bound to Guatemala for Kingdom Building (construction) and Medical Clinic/Outreach. If you would like to follow their Blog, the URL is: <https://teamcoopersvilleneuvehopenoma.wordpress.com>

TODAY - following worship - Huddle Meeting - Recap of leadership transition night and Dave Bartlett's time with our Council and Pastors and discuss plans moving forward. We will spend time identifying key guidelines for 2019 which will hopefully become staples for our decisions going forward when it comes to staffing, facilities, campus relations and so on. Everyone is invited to stay around to pray, talk and think about Living Water. NO JAM/SMALL GROUP SS/WAVE TODAY so all can attend.

TODAY	
9:30am	COFFEE SHOPPE
10:00am	WORSHIP
10:20am	LITTLE TREASURES 3-5 yr olds time to worship God meets in Upper Room watch for dismissal slide
If you missed check-in prior to worship for Little Treasures, stop by the table in the lobby area with your child.	
11:00am	STAY AND PRAY SW corner of the Worship Center
HUDDLE MEETING Meet in Worship Center NO WAVE TODAY	
NO JAM OR SMALL GROUP SS TODAY	

THIS WEEK

Mon, Feb 18

6:00pm-Unity Meal (SH)

This is a free meal; everyone is invited! **Children may come at 5:30pm for free cookie decorating!**

Thank you to Sheldon First Reformed Church and WIDA and many others for providing the meal and volunteers this month.

7:30pm-MST meeting (OC)

Tues, Feb 19

7:00pm- OC Worship Ministry Support Team Mtg (OC)

Wed, Feb 20

7:00pm-Overflow (OC Campus)

Thurs, Feb 21

7:00pm-OC Worship Team Practice (OC)

CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

Sun, Feb 24 - 11:30am - LW Kid's Lunch - Children (ages 5 yrs-5th gr) and their parents are invited to gather together with other families and get acquainted! Lunch will be provided! If you are planning on attending, or are interested in volunteering/donating food items for this lunch, please contact Sue Dykstra at 1susandykstra@gmail.com or 712-360-0650.

INFANTS

NURSERY: Nursery is available throughout the service for newborns thru 2 years

The nursery is located near the Welcome Center in the front lobby area.

INFANT CARE ROOM: A room is available throughout the service for parents with young children. This space is designed for parents to sit with babies or small children for privacy; this room will not be supervised by volunteers.

The infant care room is located right outside the worship area near the stairway.

CHILDREN

Children's Church Bags are available for younger attendees at the Welcome Center in the lobby area. Following worship, please return the bags and contents to the Welcome Center.

LITTLE TREASURES: A time to worship God for 3-5 year olds; meets during the worship service in the Upper Room. Watch for announcement slide for dismissal (OC)

JAM: "Jesus And Me" 5 yrs-5th gr - Praise and Worship meets 10 min after the morning service in the JAM room next to the kitchen; small group Sunday School follows. Dismissal 12:00pm Parents pick up children in classrooms. (OC)

YOUTH

WAVE: 6th-8th grade. Meets following the Sunday morning service in the large classroom in the SW corner of the lobby. Dismisses at 12:00noon (OC)

OVERFLOW: 9th-12th grade. Meets from 7:00-8:30pm on Wednesday (OC)

GEMS: Girls 3rd-8th grade. Meets from 6:45-8:30pm @ Immanuel CRC (OC) Wednesday evenings 2x a month

CADETS: Boys 4th-8th grade. Meets from 6:50-8:45pm @ Calvary CRC (OC) Wednesday evenings 2x a month

ADULTS/FAMILIES

STAY AND PRAY: Group of people gathering after the worship service in the SW corner of the Worship Center. For more info, contact Kim Groeneweg at skgroen@yahoo.com

Stewardship Team Update – Thank you for your generous giving for the ministries of Living Water Community Church during the past seven months of our fiscal year (July 2018 – January 2019). Here are a few highlights based off the January 31, 2019 financial statements:

Revenue & Disbursements Update – For the first seven months of this fiscal year (July 2018 – January 2019) we currently have a surplus of **\$4,321.32**.

Total Revenue / Income = \$254,566.02

Total Disbursements / Expenses = \$250,244.70

Net Increase / (Decrease) = \$4,321.32

LW Cash-Flow Update – The Living Water accounts at Northwestern Bank had a balance of **\$83,417.59** on January 31, 2019.

It costs LWCC approximately **\$1,375** to operate on a daily basis.

With our cash balances, we have about **61 days** of operating money.

The Stewardship Team has a goal of getting up to greater than 75 days of operating cash.

Building Debt Update – We currently have one loan to the Sheldon Christian School Foundation for **\$100,000**. Our debt to equity (the amount of debt based on the market value of our two campuses) is very strong. We are very healthy from a debt perspective.

GRACE Update – Our GRACE/Fair Share obligation for this school year (2018-19) is **\$104,545.00 (55 Students)**.

As of February 10, 2019 - we have paid the schools **\$52,571.04 or 50%**.

The remaining balance is **\$51,973.96 or 50%** as of February 11, 2019.

Please continue to remember LWCC in your giving. – The Stewardship Team