



Part 1: Hit the Road!

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Abram's Call to Hit the Road

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you." – *Genesis 12:1*

Points of Interest: No map!
No direction!
No plan!

Abram's Response

So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. – *Genesis 12:4-5*

Obedience – "Abram left..."

Principle: In order to get where you want to go, you have to leave where you presently are.

Trust – "Abram was seventy five...He took his wife Sarah, his nephew Lot, all the possessions..."

Faith – "...and they set out..."

Moses' Call to Hit the Road

The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." – *Exodus 3:7-10*

Moses' Response

Lack of faith – But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" – *Exodus 3:11*

Lack of obedience – Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is His name?' Then what shall I tell them?" – *Exodus 3:13*

Lack of trust – Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you?'" – *Exodus 4:1*

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Points of Interest: Moses' road trip lasted 40 years!
Moses repeated his dysfunctional cycle over and over
Moses never arrived

Spiritual Road Trip Lessons

Obedience is the first step on any spiritual journey

Trust addresses the uncertainty of the journey

Faith sustains the faithful throughout the journey

Next Steps

Can you think of one step of obedience you could take this summer that requires trust and faith to accomplish? One of the best places to start is by serving others – either in the church or elsewhere. Here are some starting points:

- Think of a neighbor, friend or family member who needs ongoing yard help this summer. Now, hit the road!
- For current volunteer opportunities at CTK, see the back of today's program and program insert or stop by the Connection Point. Put the pedal to the metal!
- For various volunteer opportunities in Whatcom County, visit www.whatcomvolunteer.org. Kick it into overdrive!

On The Way Home

Take a different route home than you normally do. What did you learn about your normal route by taking a different way? Did you discover anything new on the new route?

Group Life Discussion Questions



- 1) What did you do for Memorial Day weekend?
- 2) Do you have any road trip plans for this summer? What are the plan and the goal of the trip?
- 3) Think about your normal route to work or school. Why do you go that way? Is there a reason for the route?
- 4) Which of the three spiritual disciplines (obedience, faith, trust) is the most difficult for you?
- 5) Whose road trip (Moses' or Abram's) do you most closely relate to? Why?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?