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**Message Series:** New Beginnings in Genesis

Romans 4:1-3, 20-22

Hebrew 11:8-10, 17-19

### 1. God's Loving Choice

Genesis 6:8 *"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."*

Joshua 24:2, 3

**TRUTH:** "In many ways the story of God's loving redemption of all humans begins with God's choice of Abraham; Divine logic, the logic of grace." ~Boice

John 1:12, 13

John 6:65, 66

Deuteronomy 7:6-7

Deuteronomy 7:8 *"... but it is because the Lord loves you..."*

### 2. God's Loving Faithfulness

Genesis 12:1-4

⇒ Abraham's leaving Ur was the first evidence of his faith in God and God's promises: Saving Faith acts on what God says.

John 10:27, 28

⇒ Our eternal salvation depends not on the strength of my faith but on God's total faithfulness to us.

**SAD Wasted Years:** Abraham stops not in Canaan (1000 mile trip) but in Haran and stays for 25 years, a place devoted to the moon god.

**We Must:** Confess our disobedience and submit totally to God's way, to His repeated calls—and let Him lead us into the blessings He originally intended.

### 3. God's Loving Protection

Genesis 15:1

1) After Great Danger: Genesis 14:14-16

2) Acts 1:8 - Our Challenge

3) Our Shield Against Temptation: 1 Corinthians 10:13

**A Reminder:** No temptation, no power is too strong for God's power.

Philippians 1:12

4) God is Our Reward - To Abram: *"I am... your very great reward"*

**"Jehovah-jireh"** - "the God who provides"

**"El-Elyon"** - "the most high God"

**"El-Shaddai"** - "the All-Powerful God"

Genesis 17:1 *"I am God Almighty, walk before Me faithfully..."*

Romans 8:17 *"If we are children... co-heirs with Christ"*

⇒ God Himself is our reward and having Him we have all.