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ORIGINS: Unearthing Our Spiritual Roots

“Extending the blessing”
Genesis 11:27-12:1-4

Today we wrap up our study of the beginning chapters of Genesis. We've learned about the origin of the world, of mankind, of marriage, sin and sibling rivalry. We've discovered that God desires that we walk with him and live by faith, though pride often rises up and resists God's will for our lives. Yet God is still willing to work with us to not only bless us, but to use us to be a channel of blessing to the world.

How good is your vision? Not your eyesight, but your faith-sight. Do you see a world in need of God's love? What was spoken to Abraham thousands of years ago echoes to us today. We have a responsibility to share the glory of God with everyone, everywhere. Your part may look different from someone else's part, but each is essential in helping us fulfill the calling. So here's the big question: *What in the world are you doing these days?*

Origins Review:

>In Order to Know What We Are To Do, We Need to Understand What God Is Doing

- God sought out Abram (Abraham) and invited him to a _____. (Hebrews 11:8-12)
- God established His _____ with Abraham. It was unconditional—based not on what Abraham could do for God, but what God would do _____ and _____ him.

- God promised _____ to Abraham.
 - A place.
 - A great people.
 - A great name.
 - Protection.
- God also promised that Abraham and his descendants would be a _____ of blessing.
 - Through their _____ of the One True God.
 - Through the birth, death & resurrection of _____
 - ☆ Through those who would believe/receive _____

← You are here
- Here's where we come into the picture. Why should we care about people in other parts of the world? Because _____!
John 3:16; Romans 8:38,39; Ephesians 3:17-18

“What's most important is not crossing the sea, but seeing the cross.”

>How Can We Extend the Blessing?

- Become _____ of our missionaries and the people they are working with.
- Regularly _____ for them.
- Support missions _____ through Faith Promise.
- Go on a _____ missions trip.