

# FROM HERE TO EVERYWHERE

## A VENTURE IN FAITH

Genesis 11:31-12:7, Hebrews 11:8-10

God made this promise to Abraham: "I will make you into a great nation and I will \_\_\_\_\_ you...and you will be a \_\_\_\_\_."

**Here are four truths taught by Abraham's venture in faith:**

**TRUTH # 1: PARENTS CAN GET YOU ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE PROMISED LAND.**

*Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6*

God has countless \_\_\_\_\_, but no \_\_\_\_\_.

**TRUTH # 2: WE WALK "BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT"**  
2 Corinthians 5:7

*By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. Hebrews 11:8*

**TRUTH # 3: CHRISTIANS ESTABLISH BENCHMARKS ALONG THE WAY**

*The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So Abraham built an altar there to the Lord who had appeared to him. Genesis 12:7*

Significant spiritual experiences can be called \_\_\_\_\_

Three steps that could make Thanksgiving Day an Ebenezer moment:

1. Read about the origins of the first Thanksgiving.
2. Invite someone to share your Thanksgiving meal.
3. Send a thank-you note or email to someone who has blessed your life.

**TRUTH # 4: WE ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING**

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant." Mathew 20:26

"God did not call us to sit, soak and sour, but to serve." Adrian Rogers

What piece of Mt. Horeb's ministry are you claiming as your own?

Each of us is \_\_\_\_\_ to be a \_\_\_\_\_.

## **THE ORIGINS OF THANKSGIVING DAY**

In the summer of 1621, owing to severe drought, the pilgrims of Massachusetts called for a day of fasting and prayer to please God and to ask for a bountiful harvest in the coming season. God answered their prayers and it rained at the end of the day, saving the corn crops. The pilgrims learned to grow corn, beans and pumpkins from the Indians, which helped the pilgrims survive. In the autumn of 1621, they held a grand celebration where 90 people were invited, including Indians. The grand feast was organized to thank God for his favors.

On October 20, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln issued the following proclamation: "I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart the last Thursday in November next as a day which I desire to be observed by all my fellow-citizens, wherever they may then be, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the Universe."