

First Baptist Church of Hampton
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Sermon Outline Closed Notes:

Sermon Scripture: Genesis 12:1 – 4 (GNT)

Message Title: An Emancipating Encounter!

Current Context:

- What is it that **challenges** your **commitment** and **dedication** to growing **closer** to God? What is it that asks you to **forfeit** your faith; forfeit your **growth**; and to **recant** on your striving for a closer walk?
- The real talk is that, unfortunately, some of us have made our own god in our **image**, after our **likeness**.
- In the text we find a brother by the name of **Abram** hanging out with his **people**.
- Abram is **moved** from his creature **comforts** to a life committed to serving as a **correspondent** for God.
- Abram's people had become **idolatrous**...he would want to get away and his people would **draw** him back.
- The text says, though, "Get **away!**" Run as **fast** as you can!
- And the truth is that you are not **running** from **something** as much as you are **running** quickly to God!

Relevant Question(s):

- How do I fully commit, so I can have freedom in my faith?

Sermon Observations:

1. You must be willing to **separate** from the **comfortable place!**
2. You must **set faith-focused priorities!**
3. You must **stand** on **God's promises!**

Calvary Connection:

- Send me to serve it out!
- Jesus **stepped** out of the **comforts** of **glory** because you are His **priority!** When He stepped out, he **stood** on the **promises** of His Father! He **healed** the sick on His promise and **strengthened** the weak on His promises! Up **Calvary's** hill, He stood on the promises! He died on **Friday**, but stood on His promises! And early on **Sunday** morning, He rose to set you **free!**

Personal Reflection:

- What is it that challenges your commitment and dedication to growing closer to God? Is it a physical or emotional problem? Is it life's disappointments, frustrations, and futilities? Is it the feeling that GOD has abandoned you? What is it that challenges your real commitment to JESUS the CHRIST?
- Have you really had an emancipating (freeing/liberating) encounter with the Christ of faith? What has He freed you from?