

“The Call of Abram”

That’s the title over the beginning of Genesis ch. 12 in my Bible; here’s what Genesis 12:1 says: *“The Lord said to Abram ‘Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you.’”* God was saying He wanted Abram to leave everything and everyone familiar, the security he had by being surrounded with family, and the comfortable, traditional lifestyle he was living, to go somewhere where all he had was God’s promises made to him in vs. 2 and 3.

One thing I am eternally grateful for is what the Lord said in Malachi 3:6a: *“For I am the Lord, I change not...”* It seems like everything around us is changing daily; many mainline churches have changed their doctrines to be more all inclusive, more palatable to the masses - how that must grieve our Father’s heart! We, the church, are supposed to be changing the world, but instead, many in the body of Christ have allowed the world to change them , rendering the church impotent!

We have heard from many church leaders that it’s time for the church to wake up, stand up, and speak up, but I fear like Abram, we have become comfortable with our traditions and routines. I believe God is calling us, His sheep, to step out of our comfort zones and DO SOMETHING! So what do we do, and how do we do it? Here are a couple of scriptures that address that...

Mathew 10:28 says: *“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”* As Christians, we need to get over our fear of man! Fear of offending someone, or stepping on their toes. Fear of being scorned or ridiculed or even laughed at. Those same people we might be afraid of, are the same ones who will stand condemned before God on Judgment Day, look at us, and ask “Why didn’t you TELL me?”

In Romans 1:16 Paul said: *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”* Satan has had no problem getting unbelievers to boldly and unashamedly speak out against our core beliefs and values, spreading darkness everywhere because they have no resistance! It’s time for us to raise up some fierce resistance!!

If you’re reading this and you’re a Christian, please WAKE UP! Like Abram, God is calling us out of our familiar, comfortable and safe places! Cast off your fear of man! Share the gospel boldly! And unashamedly proclaim the TRUTH to those in your family, your community, work place, schools, etc. Amen? Amen!