

# The Pathway of Authentic Faith

*From...Genesis 12 and 13*

## *The four altars of Abraham*

### Four Steps in the Pathway of Authentic Faith:

#### **Step #1** \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 12:4-7) **The Altar at Shechem**

Abram's obedience was marked by two factors:

- He was a \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*Abram could live in the land as a \_\_\_\_\_ because he obeyed*

*God's \_\_\_\_\_*.

- Abram lived in a \_\_\_\_\_ not a \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Step #2** \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 12:8-9) **The Altar at Bethel**

- Abram's faith was becoming a faith of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Step #3.** \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 12:10-13:4) **Abram's Return to Bethel**

*...depressing circumstances, illness, spiritual dryness, broken relationships, no job, no money...can all lead us to seek comfort in "Egypt".*

Our \_\_\_\_\_ into Egypt can take many \_\_\_\_\_.

*...staying busy, sexual or emotional affairs, drugs and alcohol, over eating, over spending...pornography...*

“When Abram lost his courage and compromised his \_\_\_\_\_, he sacrificed his \_\_\_\_\_.” –Ray Stedman

**Question:** What desert/drought experience are you in today that is calling you to compromise?

**Step #4** \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 13:5-18) **The Altar at Mamre**

(next week?)

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#### **Introduction**

The God of Glory appeared to Abram in the middle of a cultic environment. We don't know how He appeared to him, all we know is that it was God's initiative.

This is what God does with us...always reaching.

We sometimes think that we are the one's seeking after God...

But really it's more a matter of our responding to His searching for us!

In his encounter with God Abram came face to face with a \_\_\_\_\_  
and a \_\_\_\_\_.

**The command:**

It was simply \_\_\_\_\_!

3 parts...leave your country, people, household

**The Promise:**

It was simply... a \_\_\_\_\_!

3 parts...I will make you a Father of a great nation

I will bless you

I will make your name great

In a sense Faith is both natural and unnatural:

Faith is a natural \_\_\_\_\_ .

Biblical Faith is 'simply' believing God and then acting on that faith.

Faith is unnatural because we believe in God who is beyond our comprehension.