

FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE

How To Shine Without Compromise

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Genesis 12:1–20

INTRODUCTION

God called Abraham out of his comfort zone to walk with Him and shape nations. That call still applies to us today — to bring God's presence into our world. True spirituality is not escaping the world but influencing it. Jesus prayed, "They are in the world, but not of it." (John 17:15–18).

Reflection Question: How can I represent Christ better in my workplace, school, or business this week?

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1. Spirituality with God (Genesis 12:1–9)

Abraham's walk with God shows us three foundations of true spirituality:

1. **Encounter** – Abraham met God and his life changed forever (Genesis 12:1–2; Hebrews 11:8–10). → Every believer needs a personal encounter with Jesus.

Question: When did I first encounter God personally? How has that moment shaped my daily walk?

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2. **Obedience** – Abraham obeyed even when he didn't fully understand (Genesis 12:4). → Faith grows when we act on God's Word (John 14:15).

Question: What is one thing God has been asking me to do that I've delayed doing?

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3. **Allegiance** – Abraham built altars wherever he went (Genesis 12:7–8). → He was never ashamed of his faith (Romans 1:16).

Question: How open am I about my faith outside church? Do people know I belong to Jesus?

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Key truth: True spirituality is not just prayer or Bible reading — it's a lifestyle of obedience, courage, and public loyalty to God.

2. Engagement with the World (Genesis 12:10–20)

When Abraham entered Egypt, he faced real challenges — just like us in the marketplace.

1. **Crisis of Life** – Famine struck (Genesis 12:10). → Spiritual people still face difficulties, but faith keeps them strong (James 1:2–4).

Question: How do I usually respond when life gets hard — in faith or in fear?

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2. **Wisdom in Action** – Abraham used wisdom in dealing with Pharaoh (Genesis 12:11–13). → We must act with wisdom and integrity wherever we are (Proverbs 4:7; Matthew 10:16).

Question: What is one area of my work or relationships where I need God's wisdom right now?

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3. **Favour and Protection** – God prospered and protected Abraham (Genesis 12:16–20). → When you walk with God, His favour opens doors and His hand keeps you safe (Psalm 5:12).

Question: Can I recall a time when God's favour gave me an opportunity or preserved me from harm?

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Key truth: We are called to be faithful in crisis, wise in conduct, and fruitful through divine favour.

CONCLUSION

God is raising Daniels, Josephs, and Esthers — believers who bring light into dark systems. There is a treasure in you meant to shine in your office, business, classroom, or community (2 Corinthians 4:7). Don't hide your light — live boldly, wisely, and faithfully wherever you go!

Reflection Verse

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." — Matthew 5:16

Share Your Reflection

After reading, write down:

1. One truth that stood out to you.

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2. One action you'll take this week to live out your faith in the marketplace.

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