

Today's Message Outline: "Behold: Look, Don't Miss This!"

³¹ Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there. ³² The days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died in Haran. ¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him..." - Genesis 11:31-12:4 (ESV)

"And behold, (Look, Don't Miss This!) the word of the LORD came to him: 'This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.' ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, 'Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness." - Genesis 15:4-6 (ESV)

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, (Look, Don't Miss This!) an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel' (which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus." - Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV)

Behold (Look, don't miss this!) - I believe for many of us we are not where we used to be but neither are we where we are supposed to be.

Behold (Look, don't miss this!) - It is possible to be a believer but never live in the space of God's great promises or blessings.

Behold (Look, don't miss this!)- God is still about doing magnificent things through the lives of surrendered hearts.

Small Group or Personal Reflection Questions:

1. What was one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
2. What areas of your life would you consider 'mostly surrendered' to God? What areas of your life do you consider 'mostly not surrendered' to God?
3. Abram's challenge was to leave the comfort and idols of his city. Joseph's challenge was to take the 'easy way out.' Of those two, which are you more susceptible to when confronted with a call from God (stepping out in faith, taking a risk, etc.)?
4. What is one thing you may consider doing this week as a result of the message?