



## **Our Journey of Faith**

### **Message Notes, June 3, 2018**

In this new series, titled “This Is Us” and co-taught by Keith and Derrick, we’ll look back over the past 20 years, talk about defining moments and be reminded of things God has lead us to/through that have helped shaped who we are as a community. We'll also look forward and talk about how to continue building on the foundations that have been established the past 20 years.

Keith began by sharing about “Our Journey of Faith.” In the message he originally shared in January 1998, weeks before CCC’s launch date, he preached a sermon from Genesis 12:1-5 on Abraham's journey of faith.

*Faith is more than belief – it is how we live.*

In the journey of faith there is always THE CALL. *God is continually calling us to new and higher ground that cannot be reached without faith.*

Keith shared a word that he received from the Lord in those early days of God leading him to become a pastor: “Do what I’ve called you to do; I'll give you all you need.”

*Act in obedience and trust the Lord.*

- **Do you find that easy? Hard? How do you do that on a daily basis?**

We looked at Genesis 11:31-32, in which “Terah was called to Canaan ... but he settled in Haran ... .”

- **What might Terah have missed out on by settling in Haran?**
- **Is it possible that our “greats” – Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – could have been Terah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?**
- **Are there ways that you know you are “settling”? Will you choose to settle or to be obedient? What's a way you can choose obedience over settling?**

Derrick picked up the baton from Keith and shared more about our *continual call*. He shared that the same truths Keith preached about in 1998 are true for our church today – people still need the Lord, people are still hurting and broken.

Derrick also shared more of his calling to be the Lead Pastor of CCC, and the faith journey that Lord has brought him on. Derrick talked about the callings that God may have on our lives and the things that may be holding us back.

- **Consider and fill in the blanks: I think God may be calling me to \_\_\_\_\_, but I'm holding back because \_\_\_\_\_.**



*FAITH closes the gap between those two statements.*

- **What would it look like for you to exercise faith in the situation you feel God is calling you to?**
- **What is holding you back? Name it. Confess it. Let the Holy Spirit help you make a plan for moving forward.**
- **What is something small that God is asking you to do this week? Share with the group, and then maybe next time you meet you can share how you did the thing God asked you to do and what the result was.**