

Answering the Call to Hard Things

In every corner of education (e.g., teaching in the classroom, leading a school, supporting staff, serving behind the scenes) there are moments when God asks us to do hard things. These challenges are not meant to break us but to shape us. Just as Abraham was called to leave the familiar, we are also called into places that stretch our faith. The real question is, “How will we answer the call to hard things?” Let’s take some clues from God’s Word.

Read [Genesis 12:1-2](#).

The call of Abraham is a familiar passage. ***What did God tell him to leave behind?***

Abraham was born and raised in Ur of the Chaldees. According to Joshua 24:2, both he and his father worshiped idols. God knew He could not enter into covenant with Abraham unless Abraham was willing to leave behind everything comfortable and familiar. God required Abraham to do the hard thing.

God doesn’t call each of us to walk away from everything we know, but the principle remains. Stepping into God’s plan often requires stepping out of our comfort zone. Like Abraham, we are invited to answer God’s call with faith, even when the road feels uncertain. It takes courage to obey, but it’s in those hard steps that we find His leading and His promises.

What “hard thing” is God asking you to step into as you follow Him more fully?

Read [Hebrews 11:8-10](#).

Abraham obeyed God even though he was unsure of what lay ahead. ***What enabled him to do the hard thing God required? What was he looking forward to?***

Some things can’t be sugarcoated. Doing the hard thing requires faith. Abraham knew what God was asking of him. He trusted God’s promises and believed His word, so he did not waver. Step by step, Abraham moved from one hard thing to the next. With each act of obedience, his faith grew stronger even when there were missteps along the way. ***Where might God be asking you to take a step of faith today, trusting that He will grow you through the hard thing?***

The story of Abraham reminds us that growth rarely happens in the comfort zone. Each step of obedience is a way of *answering the call to hard things*. In our obedience to the call, we grow closer to God and discover His faithfulness. The hard things in education—extending grace, leading with courage, persevering when you feel weary—can become opportunities for God to reveal His faithfulness and strengthen our faith.

Lord, give us courage to answer Your call to the hard things. Help us step out of our comfort zones and trust Your leading, just as Abraham did. Strengthen every educator—teachers, administrators, counselors, support staff—to see the challenges in front of them as invitations to rely on Your presence and power. Help us to walk in obedience, knowing that You are faithful and will finish the work You have begun in us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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