

Bay City Wesleyan Church -- Bay City, Michigan

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Transitions fill our lives. Moving from our well-known past to our unknown future, we move through uncharted territory. We must leave behind comfort, familiarity, and safety. As Jesus leads us, he whispers, "Will you trust me?" Our response to the challenges of unfamiliar ground reveals our answer.

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1 Timothy 1:12-17 HCSB

[12] I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, appointing me to the ministry – [13] one who was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an arrogant man. But I received mercy because I acted out of ignorance in unbelief. [14] And the grace of our Lord overflowed, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. [15] This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" – and I am the worst of them. [16] But I received mercy for this reason, so that in me, the worst of them, Christ Jesus might demonstrate His extraordinary patience as an example to those who would believe in Him for eternal life. [17] Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Isaiah 30:19-21 NIV

[19] People of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you. [20] Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. [21] Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Series: UNFAMILIAR GROUND Series Big Idea: Transitions fill our lives. Moving from our well-known past to our unknown future, we move through uncharted territory. We must leave behind comfort, familiarity, and safety. As Jesus leads us, he whispers, "Will you trust me?" Our response to the challenges of unfamiliar ground reveals our answer. Text: Hebrews 11:8-12 Title: Unfamiliar Ground

Genesis 12:1-7 NET

[1] Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go out from your country, your relatives, and your father's household to the land that I will show you. [2] Then I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you, and I will make your name great, so that you will exemplify divine blessing. [3] I will bless those who bless you, but the one who treats you lightly I must curse, and all the families of the earth will bless one another by your name." [4] So Abram left, just as the Lord had told him to do, and Lot went with him. (Now Abram was 75 years old when he departed from Haran.) [5] And Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they left for the land of Canaan. They entered the land of Canaan. [6] Abram traveled through the land as far as the oak tree of Moreh at Shechem. (At that time the Canaanites were in the land.) [7] The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So Abram built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

Hebrews 11:8-12 NIV

[8] By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. [9] By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. [10] For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. [11] And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. [12] And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

How do faith-filled people act as they walk on life's unfamiliar ground? They trust and obey Jesus even though they don't know how things will turn out in the short run.

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