# WEEK 1 | MESSAGE NOTES Follow Fearlessly


For daily devotions, check out our Fearless Bible Reading Plan at wschurch.org/readingplan

#### **SMALL GROUP GUIDE**

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### **Opening Discussion Questions:**

- What are some of the emotions or reactions you have about money and the Church?
- 2. What is a memorable experience you have had regarding giving in the Church?

#### **Teaching and Story Video**

Pray together as a group. Then play the Teaching and Story Video for week one.

#### Find Teaching & Story Videos at **wschurch.org/fearless**

#### **Further Discussion from Scripture:**

Read each Scripture passage below aloud in your group. Then give your group a few minutes to journal their answers to the following questions before discussing them together.

### GOD CALLS US TO THINGS WE CANNOT YET SEE

#### Genesis 12:1-3

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." 1. God called Abraham (Abram at the time) to a life he could not yet see. What would it take for you to trust God's plan for your life—even if it means leaving familiar and comfortable places?

2. What areas of your life do you look to for security? Family? Friends? Money? Your career? Your talents and abilities? How do those things impact the way you follow God's lead?

3. What fears do you have for your future?

## LET'S LEAVE THE COUNTRY OF FAMILIARITY AND LET'S GO ON AN ADVENTURE WITH GOD THAT REQUIRES US TO DEPEND ONLY ON HIM.

#### Colossians 1:3-14

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 4. How would your generosity be affected if you followed God fearlessly?

5. What decisions would you need to make to give in such a generous way?

6. What do you hope your story of generosity looks like during this Fearless season? What's your next step toward living and giving fearlessly?