

**“Going Beyond Our Comfort Zone” based on Gen. 12:1-4 and John 3:1-17**

My comfortable house. We all like our ‘comfort’ places. Don’t really need God or faith in those places!

- Met Nicodemus in Gospel. Nice guy. Could not make sense of Jesus’ talk about being ‘born again’, took it literally
- Met Abram in OT lesson. Called to “Go from your country and kin.” He did, and stepped into a new life.
- Others were called by Jesus to a life beyond themselves, their comfort zones, and the one who responded found a ‘new life’.
- Really don’t need faith to do what we normally do, God calls us beyond that.

The world we live in is pretty secure and comfortable, but all around us is the unknown, the unexplored Kingdom of God. It’s made up of things we don’t always understand, and often fear.

- Incident from own life where I was called to do something I didn’t feel qualified for or want to do, but did because I felt a ‘call’, it was right to do it.
- God opens the Kingdom for those who wish to ‘go out in faith’
- We are challenged to walk to the edge of our comfortable environments and step into the unknown.

God promises to be there with us. We will feel the richness of being a human creature of God’s making if we do!