

**“The Radicals:
This Generation, This World, This Time”—Part 1**
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□ **Genesis 12:1-4**

□ **Three Descriptions of God’s Radical**

- #1—To be God’s Radical means you must be willing to part with your own _____.
 - Luke 14:26, 27
 - Radical means Christ must be the _____ authority in your life—i.e., you will love and obey Him more than anyone else in your life.
 - *Patriarchs and Prophets*: “Many are still tested as was Abraham. They do not hear the voice of God speaking directly from the heavens, but He calls them by the teachings of His word and the events of His providence. They may be required to abandon a _____ that promises wealth and honor, to leave congenial and profitable associations and separate from kindred, to enter upon what appears to be only a path of self-denial, hardship, and sacrifice. God has a work for them to do; but a life of ease and the _____ of friends and kindred would hinder the development of the very traits essential for its accomplishment. He calls them away from human influences and aid, and leads them to feel the need of His help, and to depend upon Him alone, that He may reveal Himself to them.” (126, 127)
- #2—To be God’s Radical means that you must be willing to part with your own _____.
 - “Get out of your _____ . . . to a _____ I will show you.”
 - The call of God to Abraham was the call to become a _____.
- #3—To be God’s Radical means that you must be willing to part with your own _____.
 - Psalm 67:1, 2
 - God blesses the _____, so that they might save the _____.

□ **The Prayer**

- David Platt: “It’s a foundational truth: God creates, blesses, and saves each of us for a radically _____ purpose. But if we are not careful, we will be tempted to make exceptions. . . . But where in the Bible is missions ever identified as an optional program in the church? . . . Indeed, Jesus himself has not merely called us to go to all nations; he has created us and commanded us to go to all nations. We have taken this command, though, and reduced it to a calling—something that only a few people receive. . . . In the process we have unnecessarily (and unbiblically) drawn a line of distinction, assigning the *obligations* of Christianity for a _____ while keeping the *privileges* of Christianity for _____. In this way we choose to send off other people to carry out the global purpose of Christianity while the rest of us sit back because we’re ‘just not called to that.’” (*Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream* 71-73)
- Ellen White: “Many suppose that the missionary spirit and qualification for missionary work are a special gift bestowed upon the ministers and a _____ members. . . . Never was there a greater _____. Every true Christian will possess a _____ spirit; for to be a Christian is to be Christlike.” (RH 7-10-1883)
- Ellen White: “No one will be registered in the books of heaven as a _____, who has not a _____ spirit.” (RH 8-22-1892)

- David Platt: “In all this missions talk, you may begin to think, *Well, surely you’re not suggesting that we’re all supposed to move overseas.* That is certainly not what I’m suggesting (although I’m not completely ruling it out!) But this is precisely the problem. We have created the idea that if you have a heart for the world and you are passionate about global mission, then you move overseas. But if you have a heart for the United States and you are not passionate about global mission, then you stay here and support those who go. Meanwhile, flying in the face of this idea is Scripture’s claim that regardless of where we live—here or overseas—our hearts should be consumed with making the glory of God known in all nations. . . . Because from cover to cover the Bible teaches that all the church—not just select individuals, but all the church—is created to reflect all the glory of God to all the world.” (77)
- Ellen White: “Are you using all your powers in an effort to bring the lost sheep back to the fold? There are thousands upon thousands in ignorance who might be warned. Pray as you have never prayed before for the power of Christ. Pray for the inspiration of His Spirit, that you may be filled with a desire to save those who are perishing.” (*In Heavenly Places* 338)

A 31 Day Prayer

*“O God—give me your heart for this lost world—
and I will go anywhere in the world you send me.”*

family, supreme, career, influence, country, country, land, missionary, blessings, saved, lost, global, few, us all, few, mistake, missionary, Christian, missionary,