

**Series:**        **The Beginning of You, Fresh Starts, Sacred Reversals, and Everything in Between:  
A study of the book of Genesis**

**Title:**         **The beginning of our blessing**

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The whole earth had the same language and vocabulary. As people migrated from the east, they found a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, “Come, let’s make oven-fired bricks.” (They used brick for stone and asphalt for mortar.) And they said, “Come, let’s build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky. Let’s make a name for ourselves; otherwise, we will be scattered throughout the earth.” Then the LORD came down to look over the city and the tower that the humans were building. The LORD said, “If they have begun to do this as one people all having the same language, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let’s go down there and confuse their language so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” So from there the LORD scattered them throughout the earth, and they stopped building the city. Therefore it is called Babylon, for there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth, and from there the LORD scattered them throughout the earth. (Genesis 11:1-9)

The LORD said to Abram:  
Go from your land,  
your relatives,  
and your father’s house  
to the land that I will show you.  
(Genesis 12:1)

I will make you into a great nation,  
I will bless you,  
I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.  
I will bless those who bless you,  
I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt,  
and all the peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.  
(Genesis 12:2-3)

**God’s blessings are received, not achieved.**

An account of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham... (Matthew 1:1)

Reflection Question:

Where in your life do you need to be reminded to rely on God's blessings rather than trying in your own strength?