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God Called Abram to _____ in the Land (13:17-18)

Once again, God commands Abram to walk throughout the land and see it, believing that he is traveling through his land. These small steps of faith – calling out to God, offering Lot the first choice, traveling through the land believing he will one day inherit it – set Abram up for much bigger demonstrations of faith to follow.

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