

## Good Company

Amos 1:1 & 7:10-15

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Amos had been quietly enjoying life as a sheep breeding fig growing farmer. Then God stepped in and called him to be a His spokesperson/prophet to the Northern Kingdom of Israel during the time of Kings Uzziah and Jeroboam. He accepts the call, leaves the farm, takes on the new job, and then finds himself in “The Land Between”.



We described The Land Between as the place...

- ✓ Where life isn't what it was, and you aren't sure what it will become.
- ✓ Where everything that you thought was normal is no longer normal.
- ✓ Where questions abound and where answers seem to be non-existent.
- ✓ Where you know you should have faith, but where faith is hard to have.

When we find ourselves struggling in “The Land Between” it helps to remember that we are not the first ones there and we won't be the last ones either.

- I. Abraham in the Land of Waiting (Genesis 12:1-10; 16:1; 17:1-2; 21:1-5)
  - A. Waiting for crops that never seemed to grow.
  - B. Waiting for conception that never seemed to happen.
  - C. Waiting for land he never seemed to own.
- II. Jacob in the Land of Deception (Genesis 27:1-10, 41-45; 29:18-25; 31:6-7a)
  - A. His deception landed him there
  - B. Laban's deception kept him there
- III. Joseph in the Land of Suffering (Genesis 37:17b-28; 1,7-10; 19-20; 40:15,23; 41:1a)
  - A. Hated by his brothers
  - B. Lied about by his master's wife
  - C. Forgotten by his friend from prison
- IV. Moses in the Land of Obscurity (Exodus 2:10-15; 3:1-5)
  - A. Forty years as a somebody in the palace of Pharaoh
  - B. Forty years as a nobody in the wilderness of Midian

So What?

- We may feel alone in “The Land Between”, so it helps to remember we are not the first and we won't be the last to walk there.
- We may feel overwhelmed in “The Land Between”, so it helps to remember that others have survived their experience there.
- We may feel abandoned in “The Land Between”, so it helps to remember that God never leaves anybody alone when they are there.