

THE STORY



GOD BUILDS A NATION

Genesis 12-35

THE COVENANT

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Genesis 12:1

God's covenant with Abram

(Genesis 12:1-3, 6-7; 13:14-17; 15:1-7; 17:1-8; 22:16-18)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

*"I will make you into a great nation, and I will **ble**ss you... and all the peoples on earth will be **ble**ssed through you... To your **offspring** I will give this **land**."*

Genesis 12:2-3, 7

THE DETOUR

*"She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her.
'You are the God who sees me...'"*

Genesis 16:13

Hagar names God: God who _____ me (Genesis 16:13)

THE PROMISED SON

Abram is renamed Abraham: _____ of many
_____ (Genesis 17:5).

"Is anything too hard for the LORD?"

Genesis 18:14

Digging Deeper

John 3:16

Romans 4:1-25

Hebrews 11:8-19

Abraham names God: "The LORD will _____."

Isaac's line:

Jacob becomes _____

Esau becomes the nation of _____

The God who promised is faithful.

All of scripture whispers Jesus' name.

The seed promised to Abraham is the _____
for your sins (Genesis 22:2).

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Chapter 2: *God Builds a Nation*

Sermon on February 6, 2022

Getting to Know Me

1. If you could hop on a plane and go anywhere right now, where would you go and why?
2. What does your name mean? Why did your parents give you that name? Did you have a nickname growing up? What was it, and how did you earn it?

Digging Deeper

3. What insight or observation from Sunday's message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, or challenging? Why?
4. If you were in Abram's sandals, what would be the biggest challenges of moving to a new, unknown, unfamiliar land?
5. Read Genesis 15:1-6; 17:1-8 and 22:15-18. What are the three elements of God's promise to Abraham here?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
6. God's promise to Abram was outrageous, but according to Genesis 15:6, Abram believed God, and God credited Abram with righteousness. What promises from God do you struggle to believe?

7. Hagar called God, "The God Who Sees Me." Do you believe God sees you? Is that a comfort? Are there areas in your life you are trying to hide from The God Who Sees You?
8. Pastor Phil said that "all of scripture whispers Jesus's name." Where do you see whispers of Jesus in this chapter of The Story?
9. "God's will is lived forward and understood backward." How do you see this in Abraham's life and in your own?

Where Do I Go from Here?

10. List some promises of God. Are there action steps you need to make to show you believe these promises?
11. Write out John 3:16-17 here, then spend time memorizing and meditating on this verse this week.

Prayer

12. Praise God that He is the One Who Sees You, and He is the God who Provides. Wrap up your time in prayer.
(Idea: Write the names of half your group on index cards. Have the other half draw a name to form prayer partners for the week. Partners meet to share requests and pray.)

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