

# The Call of Abraham

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**Sermon in a Sentence:** God wants to partner with us, and He can be trusted because He always keeps His promises.

**Summary:** God is looking to partner with humans to see His will accomplished on Earth. What does that look like? In this message we look at Abraham, a man through whom the whole world would be blessed. God asks him to do some big things, and He wants you to do big things too!

*Leader's Tip: The first couple of weeks are critical for forming relationships. Use Icebreakers or just sit and talk, but make sure there is plenty of time for relationship building.*

**Ice Breaker Questions (Choose one or do them all, everyone answers):**

- **How did you handle the snow this week? Did you venture out or hunker down?**
- **If you could instantly become an expert in something, what would you choose and why?**

**Diving In:**

*Ask a couple of people to share dating/marriage stories. Try to keep it light.*

**Does anyone have a funny story from their wedding? Or how they met their significant other?** *The point is to get them thinking about partnerships, so work groups, sports teams, or school projects would also work.*

**What is a covenant?** The word Testament (as in Old, New) means covenant, or a partnership. There are typically commitments, privileges, and responsibilities associated with a covenant partnership.

**What are the main covenants in the Bible?** Noah (never flood the Earth again), Abraham (become a mighty nation, and God will bless all nations through Him), Moses (If we keep the law we will be blessed), David (the Messiah will come through the line of David), Jesus (the new covenant)

*We're going to focus on God's covenant with Abraham.*

**Read Genesis 12: 1-3**

- **God told Abram to go, and he would be blessed. Has God every asked you to step out of your comfort zone?**
- **What are some ways that God has showed up in your life?**

**Going Deeper:**

**Read Genesis 15: 1-6 or Romans 4: 18-25**

- **What is the promise that God makes here?**
- **What is righteousness? What did Abraham do to become righteous in God's sight?**
- **How long did the promise take? 25 years. Did Abraham wait patiently or did he take matters into his own hands?**

**Read Genesis 22: 1-18**

- **What would you do if you were Abraham?**
- **Read Hebrews 11: 8-12, 17-19**
- **What did Abraham believe about God?**

**What about you? Will you go when He says go? Will you wait when He says wait? Will you give up what He says to give up?**

**How can we pray for you?**