



God Builds a Nation: The Story, Pt. 2 | | Genesis 15-17

Sometimes God calls us to leave what's familiar. He asks us to believe against all hope and resist the urge to force our own solutions. Instead he wants us to rest in a promise the he alone secures and trust the provision he's already made for us through Jesus.

Takeaway: Faith is obeying God even when you don't know where you are going.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is something familiar or comfortable you would find hard to leave behind if God asked you to?
2. **Read Romans 4:18.** Paul describes Abraham as believing “against all hope” that God would fulfill a promise that seemed impossible given his and Sarah's age. Give an example of something that would require this kind of against-all-hope faith.
3. **Read Genesis 15:17–18.** In what areas of our lives do we tend to believe your relationship with God depends on our own performance? How should knowing God bears the weight of his own promises change the way we relate to him?
4. Consider Abraham's story as a whole, marked by both remarkable faith and significant mistakes. What does his story teach you about how God can still use someone whose faith is imperfect?
5. **Read Genesis 16:1-4.** Think of a time you tried to help God out instead of waiting. Discuss what happened as a result.
6. How does knowing God provided the ultimate sacrifice change how you approach your own struggles?
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
8. How can the group encourage you this week?