

# Promise Confirmed

## Abraham: Hearing God's Call – Part 6

Life Church St. Louis – August 4, 2018

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Genesis 12:1-2 (ESV) Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

Genesis 15:5, 18a (ESV) And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ... On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram ...

### 1. God \_\_\_\_\_ His plans

Genesis 17:1-2 (ESV) When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly."

#### 1A. Allow God to change your \_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 17:4-5 (ESV) "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

#### 1B. Embrace the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's plan

Genesis 17:6-7 (ESV) I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

### 2. Follow God's \_\_\_\_\_ carefully

Genesis 17:9 (ESV) And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations.

#### 2A. Accept God's covenant \_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 17:10-11 (ESV) This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.

#### 2B. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ God's covenant

Genesis 17:14 (ESV) Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.

### 3. God's plans bring \_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 17:15-16 (ESV) And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

#### 3A. Overcome your \_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 17:17-18 (ESV) Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!"

#### 3B. Accept God's plan by \_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 17:19-20 (ESV) God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation.

### Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.  
 Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun

Invite a friend for our series **Abraham: Hearing God's Call** next Sunday.

How will I obey God's Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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Intro. Why didn't God tell Abram all the details of His plan in Genesis 12:1-2?

Why do you think the Bible emphasizes that God made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5, 18a)?

Explain some of the ways God progressively reveals the Messiah from Genesis through Revelation?

How does God progressively reveal His plans for our lives today?

- 1A. What did God require of Abraham spiritually in order to make the covenant with him (Genesis 17:1-2)?
- 1B. What was the significance of God changing Abram's name to Abraham (Genesis 17:4-5)? In what ways did this name change help Abraham's faith?
- 1C. What impact do you think God's revelation of the details of the covenant have on Abraham (Genesis 17:6-7)?

- 1D. How can embracing what God calls you in His Word build your faith? Give examples from the Bible.
- 2A. Why was it important for Abraham to pass on God's instructions to his children (Genesis 17:9)?
- 2B. In what ways was circumcision a sign of the covenant (Genesis 17:10-11)?
- 2C. What were the consequences of breaking the covenant for any of Abraham's offspring (Genesis 17:14)? Why?
- 2D. In what ways is water baptism a sign of the covenant for a believer in Jesus Christ (Colossians 2:11-12)?
- 3A. Why is it significant that God also changed Sarai's name to Sarah (Genesis 17:15-16, Hebrews 11:11)?
- 3B. Why do you think Abraham laughed in Genesis 17:17-18?
- 3C. How does God's covenant with Abraham bring blessing on believers today (Genesis 17:19-20, Galatians 3:8-9, 14, 29)?
- 3D. How does this story apply to understanding God's plan for your life?