



Once Upon a Time

The Story God is Telling and How You Fit

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Promises, Promises

(Genesis 11:27-12:3, 15:1-6)

Introduction: With a mess this big, where will God even begin?

An Unlikely Candidate (Genesis 11:27-32)

- Abram is a sinner, too.
- Abram doesn't know God.
- Abram has no future.

An Amazing Promise (Genesis 12:1-3)

- A Great Nation.
- A Great Name.
- A Global Legacy.

An Unexpected Requirement (Genesis 15:1-6)

- TRUST me!

Conclusion:

- Can it really be that simple?
- Are you ready to take that step today, to trust-fall into the arms of the God who made you for relationship with Himself? What is holding you back?



Icebreakers:

1. Have you ever had to clean up a mess you didn't make? How did it make you feel? Do you feel differently if YOU made the mess?
2. What promise have you made that is the most important to keep?

Sermon Summary: God chose to start cleaning up the mess we had made of His world by picking an unlikely candidate (Abram) and giving him several amazing promises, including a nation that God would use to rescue the whole world. All He asked in return was that Abram trust Him enough to follow Him. God still asks that of us today.

Discussion Questions:

*** *An Unlikely Candidate***

(Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 together.)

1. Can you think of any other "unlikely candidates" to be used by God in the Bible? Which is your favorite and why?
2. Why does God seem to prefer to pick "unlikely candidates?"
3. How do you feel about being an "unlikely candidate" for God to use?

*** *An Amazing Promise***

(Read Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-6 together.)

4. Besides the birth of Jesus, how has Israel blessed the whole world?
5. On a scale of 1-10, how faithful was Israel to Abram's global legacy?
6. Does it bother you that many of God's promises to us won't be fulfilled during our lifetimes? Why or why not?

*** *An Unexpected Requirement***

(Read Hebrews 11:8-12.)

7. Why does God insist on us trusting Him? Why isn't it enough to just do right things?
8. What is an area of your life that is really difficult to trust God with? How could your life group partners pray for you about this?