

WAITING FOR A STAR

Once Upon A Time, Part 3

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In cleaning up a mess the most difficult and most important step is just starting

The Bible tells us in spite of the mess mankind made, in spite of the frustration and pain, God decided to clean it up

In order to bring a redeemer/savior to the world, God had to get the world's attention; He needed a nation

God didn't start with a popular man or king, but He found an unknown man with a wife who couldn't have kids - Abraham

God moved Abraham away from his sphere of influence to a place where he was a nobody with no influence

Genesis 11:27 - 12:4

3 promises God made to Abraham:

1. I will make you a great nation
2. I will make your name great
3. All the people on earth would be blessed through you

Galatians 3:8

Why did God do all this, go to all this trouble? Because He loves you

God uses Abraham as an example of how He wants to establish a relationship with us

God started with some promises and a request – You must trust Me (God)

Genesis 15:1-6

Genesis 15:6 (NIV) “Abram believed the Lord, and He credited it to him as righteousness.”

When Abraham chose to believe God's promises, God gave him a gift - righteous standing with God

Abraham was considered a righteous man before God – not because of anything he did – but because he chose to put his faith in God

What God wants most from you is for you to trust Him

Abraham died before the promises God made were fulfilled, but God was still in the process of fulfilling them

Lessons From Abraham

What God wants most from you is the same thing He wanted from Abraham – our trust

God wants our trust so He can develop a relationship with us

When we put our trust in Christ, God gives us the gift of righteous standing before God

What did Abraham do for his righteous standing before God? nothing

Key Question: What do you have a hard time trusting God with?

When you hold out trusting God in some area, you miss out on relationship

You can't have the relationship God desires to have with you without trust

Would you pray, "Lord, bring me to the place where I am able to trust you with this."

My Next Step Today Is:

- This week I will continually pray this prayer, "Lord, bring me to the place where I am able to trust you with _____"
- I will read and think about the story and life lessons I can learn from Abraham – Genesis 11:27 to Genesis 25:11
- I/we plan to participate in Faith in Action on Sun, Oct 16th and bless our community