



## Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church Sermon Series: My Way: Week 3 (March 10, 2024)

*This guide is a supplement to the weekly sermon. We encourage families and groups to use it. When we hear God's Word, we need to do more than listen. The bible says, "Be doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22). Step 1: GATHER with your family or group. Step 2: REVIEW and DISCUSS the key points and scriptures from the sermon. Step 3: PRAY for the prayer requests shared by your family or group.*

### DISCUSSION STARTER

When you think of a person with great integrity, who comes to mind and why?

### DIGGING DEEPER 1

**Read Genesis 8:20, 22:2.** Using a good Bible Study tools like [Bible Hub \(biblehub.com\)](http://Bible Hub (biblehub.com)), [Blue Letter Bible \(blueletterbible.org\)](http://Blue Letter Bible (blueletterbible.org)), [Got Questions \(gotquestions.org\)](http://Got Questions (gotquestions.org)), and [Enduring Word \(enduringword.com\)](http://Enduring Word (enduringword.com)) study through these scriptures before responding to the following questions: What is your response when you have been faithful to the Lord and you have experienced God bringing you through difficult times? How does this compare to Noah's response? Does your gratitude toward God result in sacrifice? God loves costly sacrifices because they demonstrate the true position of our faith to trust Him. Jesus modeled a life of costly sacrifices. How does your life model sacrifice. What is a burnt offering? What is the Hebrew word for "burnt offering"? What was the purpose of the burnt offering? How did Jesus become the fulfillment of the burnt offering?

### DIGGING DEEPER 2

**Read Genesis 11:4.** Using a good Bible Study tools like [Bible Hub \(biblehub.com\)](http://Bible Hub (biblehub.com)), [Blue Letter Bible \(blueletterbible.org\)](http://Blue Letter Bible (blueletterbible.org)), [Got Questions \(gotquestions.org\)](http://Got Questions (gotquestions.org)), and [Enduring Word \(enduringword.com\)](http://Enduring Word (enduringword.com)) study through these scriptures before responding to the following questions: What has been Satan's focus since Genesis 3:15? What happened when humanity was given the opportunity to create their own civil government to define right and wrong, good and evil? What happened to God's direct instruction to "Be Fruitful, and Multiply on Earth"? What is the significance of each generation becoming less and less committed to God and more committed to self? Why did they continue to move to the East? What was God's response to His creation doing things their way? How did this birth different nations? With the earth filled with nations of people who are not representing God, His purpose still stands, "To be fruitful and Multiply His image throughout Earth." How? How do you start a nation God's way?

### DIGGING DEEPER 3

**Read Genesis 18:18-19.** Using a good Bible Study tools like [Bible Hub \(biblehub.com\)](http://Bible Hub (biblehub.com)), [Blue Letter Bible \(blueletterbible.org\)](http://Blue Letter Bible (blueletterbible.org)), [Got Questions \(gotquestions.org\)](http://Got Questions (gotquestions.org)), and [Enduring Word \(enduringword.com\)](http://Enduring Word (enduringword.com)) study through these scriptures before responding to the following questions: Why do you think God Chose Abram? Where did God call Abram out of? What's the significance in this? Are you living out the life of Abram right now? How are you currently living a life of sacrifice to honor and follow God's will in your life? How would Abraham become a great and powerful nation, and all the nations on earth be blessed through him? Who would come through Abraham's bloodline? How did Abraham do it his way? How many times have you been impatient waiting on God to do the thing we felt God told us to do? How does Abraham doing things his way affect his son Isaac and his grandson Jacob? What is the significance of Jacob having 12 son's? Why did God change Jacob's name? What did He change it to? Are you seeing what God has done here?

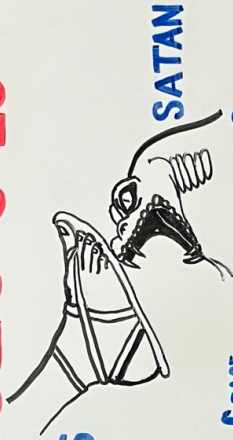
### DOING THE WORD

Let's jump ahead to the Israelites in Egypt. How did God allow the disobedience and pride of the Pharaoh to bring about His plan for His people? How many times has that happened in our lives? How many times has God used a person's pride to make a decision that seems negative, but actually their decision is setting you up for God's plan? Satan is the creator of my way. My way is always inspired by pride and selfishness, God's way is always inspired by humility and sacrifice. Will you make a commitment to fully submit and surrender to God's way? Will you lay your way on the altar of Christ and offer it as a burnt offering to God? Close by asking God to use you as a living sacrifice for His glory to grow Christ's Kingdom.

# GENESIS 3:15

GOD PRESERVES THE BLOODLINE THAT WILL PRODUCE THE SAVIOR WHO CONQUERS SATAN.

THE CONSTANT BATTLE IS: SATAN WANTS TO BE GOD. HE CONTINUES TO BELIEVE HE CAN CONQUER GOD BY DEFEATING THE BLOODLINE.



JESUS

SATAN

REBELLION OF SATAN



SATAN

He influences creation's desire to be God. He is the author of pride & My Way.

REBELLION OF ADAM & EVE



ADAM & EVE

Sin breaks union w/ God. Man begins to serve their way and not God's way.

REBELLION OF CAIN



CAIN

God allows his creation to rule their lives based off their conscience, and nothing but evil ruled their thoughts and actions.

Instead of Cain crushing the Satan, Satan consumes Cain.

REBELLION OF NOAH'S BURNT OFFERING



NOAH'S BURNT OFFERING

God cleanses the Earth and Noah makes a costly sacrifice to restore creation's relationship w/ God.

REBELLION OF ONE NATION



ONE NATION

God allows creation to create their own civil government that defines right and wrong.

God's intent is to have one nation under his authority that represents him on Earth.

REBELLION OF A NATION



A NATION

God promises to create a nation from Abraham's descendants who will be fruitful in their obedience and represent him on Earth.

From this nation will come the bloodline that produces the Savior from sin and Satan.

PERFECTION

CONSCIENCE

HUMAN GOVERNMENT

PROMISE