

TEXT: Genesis 15-16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Peacemakers Christmas Toy Store** - Christmas is a tough time for many low-income families. Parents often lack the resources to provide gifts for their children. We want to love these families sacrificially as Jesus loves us by partnering with Peacemakers again for their annual Christmas Toy Store. We are asking you to bring new, unwrapped toys with the price tags still attached to the toy box in our lobby by Sunday November 29th. Peacemakers will then reprice the items at 80% off for parents to purchase and wrap for their children to empower these families. Go to redeemerchurch.com/nextsteps for more info about what kind of toys you could bring.
 - **RSVP for Sunday Now** - The RSVP for next Sunday's services at 8:00AM, 9:30AM, and 11 AM are now open. Make sure to RSVP every week that you would like to attend a service. And don't forget that we have the K-2 room in the 11 AM service! The RSVP forms will close on Saturday at 5PM. RSVP now at redeemerchurch.com/regathering
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BIG IDEA: Grace gives hope to the hurting

Read Genesis 15:1-3

1. Abram is struggling to believe God because of his pain of not having a child. What is hard for you to believe and obey in God's word? How can you trust God in the midst of pain?

Read Genesis 15:4-5

2. We are the fulfillment of this promise as we have saving faith in Jesus just as Abraham had faith. Think about and share all of the people that God used to bring you to faith. Who are you sharing the gospel with now?

Read Genesis 15:6

3. Salvation has always been by grace alone, through faith alone, in the work of Christ alone. Abram believed the promise of God and was saved. The same is true for us in the gospel. How are you still believing his promise of salvation in your daily life?

Read Genesis 15:12-14; 16:1

4. God doesn't promise us a pain free life. Or a life without waiting. How are you in pain today? How are you struggling in the waiting? How can we bear that burden with you?

Read Genesis 16:2

5. Abram had an obligation before God and to Sarai to say, "No! I will not cheat on you - we can trust God, even when it seems impossible." Abram is passively following God and passively leading his wife in this moment and fails. He is repeating Adam's sin. Where are you being passive in your walk with Christ?

Read Genesis 16:7-10

6. In the midst of Hagar's pain, Jesus shows up and cares for her. Where have you experienced the love and care of Jesus in the midst of your pain? In your need as you have turned to him?

Pray through Revelation 21:1-5; 2 Peter 3:4, 8-9

7. Dear Christian, we are aching people. Perhaps it is in grief over the loss of a loved one, infertility, or abuse. Or it's the emotional and mental toll that this wretched pandemic has caused. Or the aching pain of children or family members or friends who are from from Jesus. We are aching people, hurting people, and there is grace for us. Spend time in prayer together that we will believe these promises together.