



**Series:** Beyond Babel

**Sermon Title:** The Call of Abram

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### Genesis 12:1-7

Amid increasing uncertainty, this passage and our big idea for today are a great source of encouragement because

**Big Idea: When God Makes A Promise, He Keeps It!**

If you are weighed down with increasing concern regarding the future, may you be comforted by what Scripture reveals about God.

#### **1. GOD'S PROMISES DON'T EXPIRE-- HE IS FAITHFUL IN KEEPING HIS WORD**

This passage starts with God talking to Abram. **Genesis 12:1-3**

Let's start with when He gave it to understand how faithful God is in keeping this promise to Abraham. Abram lived 250 years after the Tower of Babel. This account of God speaking to Abram is a continuation of a plan that goes back thousands of years earlier when Satan tempted Adam and Eve to sin against God, and God told Satan. **Genesis 3:15**

God told Satan that there would come a time when someone (Jesus) would defeat him once and for all. It is here, with Abram, that God narrows the scope of His previous revelation and reveals the lineage from which the savior of the world would come. **Genesis 12:2-3**

Regardless of the amount of time that passes, God keeps His promise. This chapter sets in motion the events of Jewish history, including what we see today. God told Abram that he would become a great nation – Despite Abram not having any children at that time. It's as good as done because God is faithful to keep His promises. **Psalms 145:13, Psalm 100:5**

God keeps His word because He is good and faithful. He kept His word to Abram to grow him into a great nation and bless the world through him. Throughout history, God has faithfully grown and preserved Abram's line despite them being surrounded by their enemies. God will not allow Abram's descendants to be eliminated because He made a promise. He also added that the world would be blessed through the Jewish people –

and we have been. Through the Jewish people, Jesus was born and willingly sacrificed himself, offering salvation to the world. God kept His promise to Abram, and both Jews and Gentiles are blessed for it. **John 10:14-16**

## **2. GOD'S PROMISES APPLY TODAY- HIS WORD CONTAINS PROMISES FOR YOU AND ME**

Really! Although not every promise in the Bible universally applies to us, there are promises every believer can have confidence in - many of God's promises are ours to claim throughout our earthly and eternal lives! I'd like to share with you six of God's promises that you can hold onto – starting with the assurance of salvation

### **1. God promises salvation that cannot be taken away**

**John 6:37-40**

### **2. God promises to always be with you**

We can be confident that we are never alone in this world and that as we seek after God, his Spirit will always lead us into truth. **John 14:16-17**

### **3. God Promises to Take Care of All of Our Needs**

The Bible makes it clear that God will watch over us and take care of us in life. **Philippians 4:19**

### **4. God Promises to Always Provide a Way Out of Temptation**

God also promises to be with you in temptation. **1 Corinthians 10:13**  
Whenever you face temptation, know that you're not ultimately helpless or powerless – God provides a way out - it might be a door, it might be the off button on a digital device.

### **5. God Promises to Work Everything Out for Our Good**

God promises that He will be at work in every situation in our lives and that he will work everything out for our ultimate good. We may not always see that good immediately, or even on this side of heaven, but we can trust Him. **Romans 8:28**

### **6. Jesus is returning once again to take you with Him**

No matter what happens in this life, every Christian has the hope of eternal life. **John 14:1-3**

God's promises to you are given with the same commitment and faithfulness He gave to Abram. Take comfort in knowing that no matter what happens in the world around you or how bad your judgment calls turn out to be, He is unwavering in keeping His promises to you.

### Discussion Questions:

- **What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?**
- **Describe ways that you see God fulfilling His promises today.**
- **What promises has God given you that you are waiting for Him to fulfill?**
- **Have you ever given up on a promise God gave you because the answer was slow to arrive? Explain**
- **How do you know when it is God's voice speaking to you?**
- **How does God's faithfulness affect your daily life? Are there times when you question it? Explain**