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2. How does Abraham's story challenge your understanding of waiting on God, especially when His guidance seems absent?
3. God reveals Himself as El Shaddai, highlighting His power and sufficiency. Would that have mattered to you? Why so?
4. God's command to "live before me and be blameless" is a call to integrity and surrender. What does this look like in practical terms in your daily life, work, and relationships?
5. Reflect on the promises God made to Abraham How do they reflect God's grace, and what might these look like in light of the New Covenant we have under Christ?
6. Discuss the significance, symbolism and implications of circumcision as the covenant sign. What about the signs under the New Covenant? (Baptism/Communion)
7. How does this story illustrate the balance between God's grace and our response/obedience?
8. How does the New Covenant in Jesus fulfill & surpass God's covenant with Abraham? Discuss the implications of being part of this New Covenant community.
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