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2. Discuss the significance of theophanies (God appearing in human form. How do these appearances foreshadow the incarnation of Christ in the New Testament?)
3. The concept of "ready hearts" is central to the sermon. In what ways can we cultivate a heart that is ready and responsive to God's presence and calling in our lives?
4. The sermon discusses Abraham's boldness in intercession for Sodom and Gomorrah. What does this teach us about the power of prayer, especially for those who don't know God?
5. God's promise to Abraham and Sarah about Isaac's birth was met with laughter and doubt. Have you ever doubted God's promises because they seemed impossible? How did you overcome those doubts?
6. Why is it important to give God our best rather than our leftovers? How does this dynamic play out in your life?
7. God chose us so he might use us. We are blessed to be a blessing. How can we embody this principle in our community and beyond? Individually? Collectively?
8. How does Abraham's faith journey challenge or encourage your own? Why do you think the Bible shows us warts & all?
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