



Welcome!

SERIES: I'M A NAMEDROPPER

Today's Message: ADONAI: The God Who Rules

Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

PRAYER: In reverence and awe, we acknowledge you O God, not just as Creator, but as Lord, Master, Owner—in charge of everything and everybody. Thank you for your abiding concern for us. Enable us now to live as you made us to live, to fulfill your purpose for our lives. In the powerful name of the Prince of Peace, in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: Ask each person in your group to attach an adjective to their name that begins with the same letter as their name and share it with the group. **Example:** *Fantastic Fred. Wonderful Wanda.* Refer to each other with the adjective for the rest of your group session.

INTRODUCTION: Our ancestors in faith assigned new names to God as they encountered new challenges. Each name provided an opportunity for God to reveal Godself in a new way. God did not change, but their understanding of God grew, changed, and evolved. In the same way, God longs for us to grow in our understanding of who God is, what God requires and what God provides. One way to get to know God better is to “*drop a name.*” Learning the names of God expands our perspective of who God is.

SCRIPTURE: Read Genesis 15:1-6 (NCV)

DISCUSSION:

1. What stood out in today's message? What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message today? What points did you find most insightful? How did the message challenge you?
2. Adonai (pronounced *a-duh-nay*) means “*Lord, Master, Owner, the one who rules, the one who is really in charge.*” In what ways has God shown **you** that ultimately God rules, God is really in charge, God is Lord, Master, and Owner?
3. A ten-year gap separates Genesis 12 and Genesis 15: the confirmation and the complaint of Abram. Sometimes there's a gap: how do you manage yours? Sometimes we have to wait: how do you manage the wait? How do you manage **your** “*mean-times?*”
4. Pastor Watson taught that our submission to God can affect the delivery of our promise and our communication with God. Can you think of an instance where either of those things are true in your life?
5. God can use the unlikely to do the unimaginable—that was Pastor Watson's point in referencing Gideon. Have you had that experience... of God doing the unimaginable with the unlikely? Share it.

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CHALLENGE: What is one “a-ha” moment you had in our group discussion today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week’s message, how would the next week be different for you?

SERVE: How is God calling us to live out this message this week? As individuals? As a group?

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at myspbc.org. You can also “find, follow and like” our Facebook page at facebook.com/myspbc, instagram.com/myspbc and twitter.com/MySPBC_online. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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We Care!

A large, solid red heart is positioned behind the text 'We Care!'.

NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE. As a small group leader, we depend on you to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

FOR PRAYER:

CALL: 804.463.2472

EMAIL: prayer@myspbc.org.

FOR COUNSELING:

CALL: 804.643.6177

EMAIL: Barnabas@myspbc.org

TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies)

EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST FUNERAL SUPPORT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (Pastor On Call)

EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177

EMAIL: Barnabas@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

CALL: 804.643.4000

EMAIL: emergencyassistance@myspbc.org.

TO CONTACT MY LIFE STAGE PASTOR:

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