



# PROMISE

The Story of Abraham

**TO KNOW CHRIST AND  
TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN**



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# WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

## VISITING GRACE?

It's great to have you here today, and we'd love to connect with you! Visit [graceinracine.com/connectcard](http://graceinracine.com/connectcard) or scan this QR code to let us know you visited, ask questions, submit prayer requests, or indicate an area of Grace Church that is of interest to you.



Masks are optional. Let's continue to be kind and respectful of one another at this stage of the pandemic. It's our prayer that we will be known as a church that displays Christ in how we interact with one another. You are welcome to wear a mask, and we have masks available at the information booth if you need one.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

### PRAISE

Welcome  
Call To Worship  
["The Way \(New Horizon\)"](#)  
["Come Thou Fount \(I Will Sing\)"](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson  
[Ephesians 1:11-14](#)

### RENEWAL

Interview with Steve & Ginna Cross, CareNet Directors  
["Who You Say I Am"](#)

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word  
Prayer of Illumination  
Preaching of the Word

[Genesis 12:1-13:1](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

### RESPONSE

["The Lord is My Salvation"](#)  
Benediction

Matthew Lautz

## CARE MINISTRY

### PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Tom Garcia

*Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Cindi Due on the passing of her husband, Randy.*

## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

Sunday, January 30th, following service.

### GRIEFSHARE

Begins Saturday, January 15  
Meets from 9am - 11am  
GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Join us as we look to the Lord for healing, care, and comfort as we walk alongside of you in your grieving process.



Learn more & register:  
[griefshare.org/groups/143597](http://griefshare.org/groups/143597)

### SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP

#### Info Meeting Today - after service in Room A18

Join a team going to serve with Craig and Brenda Rebro in South Africa summer 2022. Know Christ more as you experience him in a different culture, and make Christ known by discipling teens at a youth camp, visiting and loving on caregivers, vulnerable children, and widows in local communities. Contact Sheri Kobriger for more information: [slkobriger@gmail.com](mailto:slkobriger@gmail.com).

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

SUNDAY, JAN 2, 2022

Sanctuary Attendance: 186  
Livestream Attendance: 162  
Giving: \$12,012

2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$12,012  
+/- Budget: \$-15,570

# SERMON REVIEW DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

The story of Abraham, formerly known as Abram, begins with a direct command from God: “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you,” (Genesis 12:1). That command and Abraham’s willingness to obey are just the beginning of God’s plan to redeem a people for himself, a plan that would ultimately be fulfilled through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we enter into this story, and look at this man of faith, spend some time thinking about your own faith journey. The writer of Hebrews says of Abraham that he “obeyed when he was called to go... [and] he went out, not knowing where he was going” (Hebrews 11:8). Following God is an act of faith, a journey into the unknown. That’s the life that Jesus has called us into as well. But just like Abraham, if we trust in the God of the promise, when he says go, the unknown is the best place to be.

## Discussion Questions

1. Do you remember when you first moved out of your parents home? Share what that experience was like.
2. Describe the various aspects of the promise that the Lord makes to Abram in verses 1-3. How do you understand the nature of the word ‘blessing’? What does God’s blessing mean, or perhaps more importantly, what does God’s blessing do?
3. As Abram heeds God’s command and journeys with his family to Canaan, it says that when he gets there, the Lord appears to him. Why do you think God appeared to him at the end of the journey, rather than at the beginning? What was Abram’s response to God’s appearance?
4. In verse 10, it tells us there was a famine in the land, and so Abram sojourned down to Egypt. While there, he and Sarai get in a bit of trouble because of a poor choice to deceive the king. What motivated his deception? When life gets difficult, how might you respond in faith, rather than in fear?
5. God saved Abram and Sarai from the consequences of their own choices in Egypt. Read Ephesians 2:8-9. What is the relationship between grace and faith? How does your faith in God’s grace lead you into the unknown?

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021

[Genesis 12:1-13:1](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

# SERMON NOTES

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THE PROMISE  
TAKES SHAPE

## NEXT WEEK

[Genesis 13:2-18](#)

### **WORSHIPPERS IN TRAINING QUESTIONS**

Parents – here are two questions to ask your child this week about their time in Worshippers in Training! Remember – they will be receiving a question to ask you too!

1. How can we best SHOW or demonstrate that we believe God's promises?
2. What is a promise of God for you that you want to cling to this week?