



# 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  
["All Creatures Of Our God And King"](#)  
["What A Beautiful Name"](#)

Pastor Ryan Boyer  
[Hebrews 10:19-23](#)

### RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession  
Assurance of Grace  
["The Stand"](#)

Matthew Lautz, Director of Worship Arts

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word  
Prayer of Illumination  
Preaching of the Word

[Genesis 12:1-3](#)

Pastor Ryan Boyer

### RESPONSE

Communion  
["Living Hope"](#)  
Benediction

Matthew Lautz

# CARE MINISTRY

## PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Debbie Palmer, Larry Scott, Tom Garcia

## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### NO WORSHIPERS IN TRAINING TODAY

Elementary aged children should join their families for the entirety of the service.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING**  
Sunday, January 30th, following service.

### SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP

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. Learn more at an informational meeting on January 9 after service in room A18. Contact Sheri Kobriger for more information: [slkobriger@gmail.com](mailto:slkobriger@gmail.com).

### PERSPECTIVES COURSE

*Begins January 25th | Tuesday Evenings | 6p-8:30p*  
*Cost: \$220, Scholarships are available upon request; family discounts are also available.*



Perspectives is a fifteen-week discipleship course that will expand your understanding of how God is at work around the globe and what role you are to play. Instructors from around the world—including missionaries, professors, and pastors—will come to expand your understanding of God's redemptive plan for the world.

This course is great for anyone who wants to invest their lives in God's kingdom for God's glory. It will challenge you to find your role in God's redemptive plan for the world. Questions? Contact Joe Kobriger ([jobriger@gmail.com](mailto:jobriger@gmail.com); 262-939-5152).

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

**SUNDAY, DEC 26, 2021**

Sanctuary Attendance: 252  
Livestream Attendance: 96  
Giving: \$64,711

**2021 GIVING**

Year to Date: \$1,597,866  
+/- Budget: \$-64,634

# 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 is shaped by the incredible promises made to him by God. Take these away and chances are we wouldn't be reading about him. Yet when we read these amazing promises from the LORD to Abram, we must realize these aren't different promises made when things seemingly didn't go according to plan. Instead, we need to understand that the LORD's promises to Abram reflect his original design and intent to bless all of creation, only now the plan is tied to a specific family living in a specific land. How will God accomplish this worldwide plan to bless all the families of the earth through this one family?

## Discussion Questions

1. How important is it for someone to keep their promises? What impact have broken promises had on your relationships? To what extent do you trust in the promises made in Scripture? How can we tell if our lives are demonstrating faith in God's promises to us?
2. Abram is told to go (Gen 12:1). What is Abram told to leave behind? How big of an ask would this be for you? Which of the three things would be the hardest for you to leave behind? What things has God asked you to leave behind in your relationship with him?
3. The LORD God promised a nation to Abram (12:2). Why is it important that God promised land to Abram? What is at stake for people without a place to call home? Where is the ultimate destination for God to gather his people together?
4. The LORD's blessing (12:2-3). How would you define God's blessing? What does the LORD ask of Abram in order to receive his blessing? How does this relate to our own experience of God's blessing? What is the ultimate blessing we hope to receive from him?
5. The promise to bless all families (12:3). How does the LORD ultimately bless all families of the earth? How can we learn from Abram and his family what it means to experience God's blessing? How can we continue to be a blessing to others throughout the world?

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2021**

[Genesis 12:1-3](#)

Pastor Ryan Boyer

# SERMON NOTES

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**THE PROMISE  
PREVIEWED**

**NEXT WEEK**

Genesis 12:1-13:1