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## The Snake Crusher Blesses Abraham

### Reminders

- **180 Weekend**

ExodusStudents will be participating in 180 Weekend again this year. The dates this year are February 3 and 4. This a great chance for focused time of worship, prayer, and study. It is also an opportunity for the students to enjoy time and relax together. If you have or are a middle school or high school student and want to sign up or ask questions, please contact Damon Murray no later than January 27

- **Keer Road Vote**

Members will vote from **January 29 to February 1** to decide if we will move forward with the purchase of the property. To review the proposal again, you can visit [theexoduschurch.org/keeroad](http://theexoduschurch.org/keeroad)

### Remember

Spend some time praying as a group about the Land Proposal. Remind people about the information on the website.

Talk through Abraham's Story. What are some parts that are new to you?

- Genesis 12 - God's Call, Abram and Sarah in Egypt
- Genesis 13-14 - Conflict with Lot
- Genesis 15 - God's Covenant with Abram
- Genesis 16 - Sarah and Hagar
- Genesis 17 - God's Covenant renewed with Abraham, Isaac's birth promised, Sarah's laughter
- Genesis 18-20 - Abraham, Lot and Sodom
- Genesis 21 - Isaac is Born

What stood out to you from the sermon?

### Deepen

Read Genesis 12:1-5.

- Talk about the challenges Abraham faced in this.
- Talk about God's kindness and faithfulness in this passage.
- What specifically would be challenging to you in this scenario?

Read Genesis 15:1-18

- What do we learn about God from this covenant ceremony?
- How does this covenant ceremony point toward the Cross of Jesus?

The following passages use v. 6. How do they apply Abraham's story to ours?

- Romans 4:1-6
- Galatians 3:1-6

In Genesis 16, Abram and Sarai take matters into their own hands to fulfill God's promises to them.

- Review the Hagar Story.
- What drives this for them?
- How are you prone to do that?

In Genesis 17, we learn something of God's character. He is Lord Almighty. Talk with your group about how to use a concordance or Bible app to look up other places where that name of God is used. What does it mean? How does it encourage us?

### **Transform**

In Abraham's story, we see a journey from fear to trying hard to make something happen to a quiet cynicism about God and his word. How have you experienced that in your life?

In Genesis 17, both Abraham and Sarah laugh at God's promise. Their hearts seem to be cynically doubting God's character. How are you prone to this? How can we fight it together?

Abraham's story provides the people by which the Snake Crusher will be born, but it also provides a look at God's faithfulness to his covenant promises. Spend some time as a group finding promises from God to us as his children.

Close in prayer.