

December 11/12 Sermon | Genesis 15:1-20

UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY

As we seek to understand the story of the people of God in this text, we'll look at the problems being addressed and the solution that is offered

- 1. Read Gen. 12:1-7.
 - a. According to this text, what promises does God make to Abram?
 - b. What are the obstacles to God's promises being accomplished?
- 2. Read Gen. 15:1-6.
 - a. Which promises of God have been realized up to this point in the story?
 - b. Which promises are still not fulfilled?
 - c. How does God give Abram assurance in regards to His promises?

CONNECT TO HIS STORY

Read Mat. 6:25-33.

- 1. What should people do when they face uncertainties or anxieties?
- 2. How can a person "seek first the Kingdom of God"? (hint: read Mat. 6:9-13)

APPLY TO OUR STORY

In the story of Abraham we see that God can be trusted to deliver on all His good promises, even if it takes years and even if many hardships must be endured along the way.

1. What are some highlights and lowlights from this last year for you? a. How have you seen God's faithfulness in this last year? b. Where have you felt challenged or hopeless in this last year? 2. Which promises of God have encouraged you in the hard times? a. What passages in the Bible have strengthened you this year? b. What stories in the Bible have given you hope? 3. Abram trusted God (Gen. 15:6) even in challenging circumstances. a. Break into groups of 2-3 people and share a challenge you are facing right now and then pray for one another. **Prayer** Close in prayer for the confessions of the people in your smaller groups: Adoration: What can you praise God for, as a result of studying this text? Confession: What might you need to confess to God as a result of studying this text? Supplication: What can you ask God for, as a result of studying this text?