

Cornerstone Message Notes

The Promise of a Nation - Genesis chapter 12

"The Greatest Stories of the Bible" - part 3

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THEME / (The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

Long before the nation of Israel existed, God said it would one day be.

APPLICATION / (What to Do with What You Hear)

Acknowledge this great story & embrace its place in the story of you.

FOCUS / (The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

There's a difference between what God does & what He allows / what He determines & what He permits. Some things happen because of human will, others because they're God's will. While we don't & sometimes can't really know which is which, sometimes we do & can.

Part of what this third greatest story in the Bible tells us is that God's going to do what God's going to do the way He's going to do it when & with the people He's going to do it ... & that does mean yes, it's going to get done His way in His time :-)

If nothing else may this morning remind us God is God. No one's going to vote or kick Him out of being who He is ... which is both comforting & convicting depending on where we are in relation to what He intends.

God keeps His promises!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Story of God Promising a Nation Tells Us ...

1. GOD uses PEOPLE to DO HIS WILL.

Be encouraged especially as to what this may mean as it pertains to you.

Genesis 12:1-3

2. He CHOOSES them ALL BY HIMSELF.

God is the one who decides who He chooses & uses to do His will.

Genesis 12:1a (think also of Joseph, David, Job, Daniel, Jonah, let alone you & me)

3. it may INCLUDE great SACRIFICE & HARDSHIP.

Those who God uses most powerfully often suffer severely in their service to Him.

Genesis 12:4-9 (in the NT - John the Baptist, Paul & of course Jesus)

4. NOTHING can STOP what He DECIDES to DO.

"No power of hell, no scheme of man" can ever stop what God decides to do.

Genesis 12:10-20

Making It Real Questions

- 1] Are you truly available to do whatever God says?
- 2] Do you see how this removes any opportunity for boasting?
- 3] How does knowing this speak to your heart concerning you today?
- 4] Isn't this good to know especially when it can sometimes seem not to be true?

Action Step / Prayerfully surrender to God again today in response to this message.