

THE STORY

SERMON NOTES

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The Story: God Builds a Nation
• *Genesis 12-13, 15-17, 21-22, 32-33, 35,*
Romans 4, Hebrews 11
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From creation to the flood, we see that God's great desire is to be in a true loving relationship with us!

2 Greatest Gifts

Divine Love
Free Will

So that we can chose to love God back.

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I. Divide to Restore. (Genesis 11:1-9)

God divides the people to restore His people.

II. God's plan to build a new nation (Genesis 12:1)

He chooses two people, Abram and Sarai

God loves to use ordinary people in extraordinary ways.

III. God's four - fold plan for the new nation (Genesis 12:2-3)

1. God will make you into a great nation
2. God will make Abraham's name great
3. God will bless those who bless and curse those who curse
4. God will bless all the nations of the world through you

IV. God renewed his promises to Abram. (Genesis 13:14)

Abram believed God (Genesis 15:5-6)

V. Sarai tries to take God's promises into her own hands

VI. To encourage them God changes their names (Genesis 17:1-5)

Abraham means Father of many

Sarah means Queen

VII. Then Sarah laughed (Genesis 18:12)

But nothing is impossible for the Lord

VIII. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son (Genesis 22:2)

Go to the region of Moriah

IX. But God Himself will provide (Genesis 22:7-8)