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PRAYER

God, we know you have a promised place for us to dwell in, whether it's an actual geographical place or a spiritual place. We pray that you would show us where your promises live and that we may live and dwell with You, the God of the promise, in that place. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

Have you ever inherited something that originally belonged to someone else, but they chose to give it to you? What was it, and what did you do or what are you doing with it now?

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⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

[Hebrews 11:8-12](#) (ESV)

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale of 1-10 (1 = utterly terrible, 10 = without fail), how would you rate your ability to keep your promises?
2. Abraham went out in obedience from a place that was familiar into an unknown place. Have you ever been in a situation where you had to go somewhere that was completely unfamiliar? Where was it and what happened?
3. What are the differences between the tents that Abraham had to live in, and the city that Abraham looked for “whose designer and builder is God”? Have you found your “city”?
4. The promise that God fulfilled in Abraham and Sarah would resound in blessings for the generations that would follow. What are some promises or acts of obedience that you know will not only benefit yourself, but also the good of the generations to come?
5. What are some of your deepest God-promises and God-shaped dreams that you’ve yet to see come to pass? Do you have full assurance that God will come through?

PRAYER LIST