

Bible Greats, pt 5: Great Fathers, pt 2

Genesis 12-15

Lessons in Hard Places

Embrace God's promise (Gen 12:2-3; 15:1-21)

3 elements: Land, Seed, Blessing

Extended through later covenants

Wait for promises to be fulfilled (Heb 11:7)

25 years

Jumping the gun leads to Ishmaels

What do you do while waiting?

Pitch tents and build altars (Gen 12:4-9)

Pitching a tent =

Building an altar =

It's very easy to get this backwards.

What are you building and pitching?

Trust God even when the way seems crazy (Gen 22:1-14)

A journey of faith: Abraham and Isaac

Imagine the journey

The testing of trust

Often cleverly wrapped

Church/ministry life are not immune

Where is God asking you to trust Him?

Confidence rewarded (Gen 22:11-14)

Divine affirmation

Conviction explained (Heb 11:17-19)

Are you confident in God's sufficiency?

Take it Home

