

# January 17, 2016

**Scripture Focus:** Genesis 12:1-9; 17:1-27; 28:10-22; 21:1-7; 22:1-19; 41:1-40

*GOD told Abram: "Leave your country, your family, and your father's home for a land that I will show you.*

***I'll make you a great nation  
and bless you.***

*I'll make you famous;  
you'll be a blessing.*

*I'll bless those who bless you;  
those who curse you I'll curse.*

***All the families of the Earth  
will be blessed through you."***

*So Abram left just as GOD said, and Lot left with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. (Genesis 12:1-4, Message)*

*"This is my **covenant** with you: You'll be the father of many nations. Your name will no longer be Abram, but Abraham, meaning that 'I'm making you the father of many nations.' I'll make you a father of fathers—I'll make nations from you, kings will issue from you. I'm establishing my **covenant** between me and you, a **covenant** that includes your descendants, a **covenant** that goes on and on and on, a **covenant** that commits me to be your God and the God of your descendants. And I'm giving you and your descendants this land where you're now just camping, this whole country of Canaan, to own forever. And I'll be their God." (Genesis 17:4-8, Message)*

## **Notes from Worship:**

(How did God catch your attention? To what is God calling you this week?)

## **Questions for Discussion:**

- What does it mean to be called by God?
- What is your role in God's covenant?
- How have you noticed providence (divine intervention) in your family?

**Shine On Story Bible focus:** God's promises to Abraham and Sara

***This Week:***  
**January 18-23**

**Scripture Readings:**

<b>Monday</b> 1/18	<b>Tuesday</b> 1/19	<b>Wednesday</b> 1/20	<b>Thursday</b> 1/21	<b>Friday</b> 1/22	<b>Saturday</b> 1/23
Genesis 30-33	Genesis 34-37	Genesis 38-40	Genesis 41-43	Genesis 44-46	Genesis 47-50

**Questions for Reflection:**

These questions are meant to help get you thinking about the readings for each day. Feel free to also use this space to jot down other questions and insights gleaned from your reading.

*Monday*

- What is most significant about Jacob "wrestling with God" in chapter 32?

*Tuesday*

- What do you think about Joseph's attitude in chapter 37?

*Wednesday*

- What catches your attention most about Joseph in these chapters?

*Thursday*

- What would it have been like for Joseph to see his brothers again?

*Friday*

- Why does reconciliation between Joseph and his family take so long?

*Saturday*

- What strikes you about Jacob's blessings for his sons in chapter 49?

***Next Sunday***

**Job**