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THE STORY

Chapter Two: God Builds a Nation

'The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.'

Genesis 12:1-4 NIV

GOD USES THE MOST _____ PEOPLE
TO ACCOMPLISH HIS _____.

'By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.'

Hebrews 11:8 NIV

GOD MADE A _____ WITH ABRAM.

On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—"

Genesis 15:17-18 NIV

'So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."'

Genesis 22:14 NIV

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

- 1) In the story of Abram, of all the challenges he faced, what was the one you would struggle with the most?
- 2) Abram clearly would not have been hired to be the Father of a new nation based on his age, history and experience. Have you ever felt that way? What happened?
- 3) What did God see in Abram? Why is that important?
- 4) What is the most difficult thing for you to understand about the story of Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac? Why?
- 5) What might God be asking you to do to accomplish His purposes?
- 6) God made a Blood Covenant with you when He sacrificed His one and only son. He gave you a free gift of forgiveness even though He was innocent, and you are not. How does that make you feel? Has there been a day in your life when you have received that free gift?

FURTHER DISCUSSION QUESTIONS CAN ALSO
BE FOUND ON PAGE 473 IN *THE STORY*.

