SERMON NOTES
Title: *What Does Faith Look Like?*
Text: Genesis 12:2
Topic: Abraham
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Abraham's story takes up thirteen chapters in Genesis, and then he's mentioned seventy-five times in the New Testament.

"*The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation…"* Genesis 12:1-2a

God often uses the least likely people to tell His story. God's strength shines more brightly through our weakness.

Abraham's story can be described in one word…*faith*.

"By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, he obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going." Hebrews 11:8

Faith is obeying God even when you're not sure where He is leading.

God promises Abraham that he's going to be a father of a great nation. *"Abraham believed the Lord."* Genesis 15:6

Much of your story will come down to one very simple question: *Do I believe God?*

Faith is not believing that God will do whatever I want Him to. Faith is believing that God can and will do what He said He will do.

Sarah decides God needs help. *"Now Sarai, Abram's wife… said to Abram, Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her.' Abram agreed to what Sarai said."* Genesis 16:1

Ishmael becomes the father of the Arab nations.
Isaac becomes the father of the Jewish/Christian nations

Abraham best known for offering his son Isaac as a sacrifice.

Abraham shows us what trusting God looks like.

In understanding the upper story there is a helpful literary term… *foreshadow*. This is when the author gives a hint of what is to come later.

Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac is a foreshadow of the Lamb of God being sacrificed for our sins.

Only when our story becomes a part of His story does our story start to make sense.