

## Introduction: How will the blessing go to the nations?

*The backdrop (Chapter 16): Abram and Sarai's failure, God's commitment to the nations*

### The structure:

V1-3

*V4-8 – As for God*

*V9-14 – As for Abraham*

*V15-21 – As for Sarah*

V22-27

#### 1. A covenant with international impact is on offer.. (v4-8)

..that requires walking blamelessly before the Lord (v1-3)

*Blamelessly = complete*

#### 2. ..which looks like dedicating your whole body to the Lord (v9-14)

*Circumcision - c.f. 16:4*

#### 3. ..prompted by trust in God's ability to bring life from nothing (v15-21)

## Main point: Walk blamelessly before the Lord

### Application

*Us and the Abrahamic covenant*

*Walking blamelessly - Philippians 2:14-16 "Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be **blameless** and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life"*

### Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to walk blamelessly before the Lord?
2. What might it look like to walk blamelessly today?
3. Spend time praying for one another