

Introduction: How can this covenant work when Step One is an impossibility?

1. Abraham believes that God will do the impossible to make him the Father of Nations... (v1-21)

A meal confirms the covenant... v1-8

...and Sarah's dishonesty...v9-15

...is contrasted with God's transparency v16-21

2. ...and so he extends his own care to the Nations in peril v22-33

Discussion Questions:

1. How does God model faithful covenant partnership to us? Do we find ourselves thinking a little like Sarah, and tempted to disbelieve God's promises and hide from him?
2. Abraham learns what it looks like to bless the nations as he appeals for their safety. What assurance does it give us to see Jesus fulfil this picture of "blessing the nations"? How might we live out our role as those who bless the nations, as Abraham's spiritual offspring?