

# The Promise

Genesis 12:1-4

## What's wrong with the world?

- **Sin** in our own hearts (Gen. 6:5; Rom. 3:10,12,23; Jer. 17:9)

“The heart of the human problem is the problem of the human heart.” Pastor Rico Tice, *Christianity Explored*

## What can we do about it?

1. Hear God's **Promises** (Gen. 12:1-3)
2. Trust God's **Provision** (Gen. 12:2-3; 22:18; Heb. 11:17,19; Rom. 4:3,11)

“Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Rom. 4:3

3. Obey God's **Commands** (Gen. 12:1,4)

## Opening Questions

1. Was there ever a time in your life, where someone broke a promise they made to you? How did you feel?
2. Was there ever a time that you broke a promise? What happened as a result?

**Pray:** Pray for the protection of everyone, and pray for guidance throughout the conversation.

**Read Passage:** Genesis 12:1-4

## Discussion Questions:

1. What should our answer be when one asks the question, “What is the biggest problem in the world?” Why would that be the answer?
2. How is our heart problem and the sin in our life directly related?

3. What is the cure for our heart disease? Why is this the answer? How have you personally found that to be the answer?
4. How does the story of Abram inspire us to persevere in our lives despite the temptations that may arise? How does this further relate to a heart problem as mentioned earlier?
6. In what ways do hearing and knowing God's promises improve the issue of our heart?
7. In what ways do trusting God's provisions improve the issue of our heart?
8. In what ways does obeying God's commands improve the issue of our heart?

### **Application:**

1. How does our little spiritual heartburn affect our day to day lives?
2. The message talks about Genesis 6 and how the intentions of man was for evil. How do you think our church combats this problem so this widespread thinking doesn't happen again?
3. Knowing what we know as Christians and the problem with our flesh, how should we change the way we share the gospel and our view of those who are lost?

### **Prayer:**

**Personal:** Praise God for his personal commitment to restore each one of us to Him.

**Ministry:** Pray for those serving in **PowerHouse** to lovingly shepherd the youth to ground them in their faith.