SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

Genesis 17:1–8

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. 2 Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

3 Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, 4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. 5 No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. 6 I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. 7 I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. 8 The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."

1. Allow the Lord to be the One who says "I will" in your life.

2. El Shaddai's grace is sufficient for you.

3. Through Jesus we have received a new name and are promised a new destination.

TWO QUESTIONS:

1. What mountain am I currently facing that the Lord is asking me to give to Him?

2. Where am I prone to rely on my own sufficiency rather than allow the Lord's grace to be sufficient for me?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read the passage of Scripture together as a group.

Look and see how God introduces Himself in these passages.

What does God rename Abram?

How does the covenant with God change our name and how He sees us?

How is your identity new since coming into relationship with Jesus?

How do you believe that He is El Shaddai in your circumstances? That He is sufficient, all powerful, all knowing?

How do you trust God? Is it a state of mind, or much more than that for you?

Do you find that your trust in God changes as your circumstances change?

How can our group pray for you this week?