

Promise

One Big Story – Part 4

“It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for...part of the overall purpose he (God) is working out in everything and everyone.” Ephesians 1:11-12 (Msg.)

How God Cleans up Messes

(Genesis Chapters 12-15)

1) He works through His power and His timing.

“The Lord had said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.’” Genesis 12:1 (NIV)

2) He keeps His promises.

“I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you. I will make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you, and I will place a curse on those who harm you. And all the people on earth will be blessed through you.” Genesis 12:2-3 (NCV)

“Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: ‘All nations will be blessed through you.’” Galatians 3:8 (NIV)

3) He establishes a relationship built on trust.

“Then the lord took Abram outside and said to him, ‘Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That’s how many descendants you will have!’ And Abram believed the lord, and the lord counted him as righteous because of his faith.” Genesis 15:5-6 (NLT)

“God makes people right with himself through their faith in Jesus Christ.” Romans 3:22 (NCV)