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HOW AN ANCIENT
PROMISE CAN
CHANGE OUR
WORLD TODAY

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The Christmas story didn't begin with Joseph and Mary in a manger. It began with God making an unbelievable, incoherent, and impossible promise to a man named Abraham. That promise carried through the entire history of ancient Israel and beyond.

Ice-Breakers:

- How do you feel heading into the Christmas season? Is it a positive or negative time for you?
- Discuss the following quote from Norm MacDonald: *"Smart man says nothing is a miracle. I say everything is."*

Discussion:

1. Do you find it difficult to believe the details of the Christmas story? Why or why not?
2. Talk about a time when God seemed silent or distant in your life.
 - What happened?
 - What did that experience do for your faith?
3. Read Genesis 12:1-3. In what ways does God's promise to Abraham change our view of the Christmas story?
4. Read Isaiah 49:6. What does this verse tell you about God's character?
5. Read Luke 1:26-33. What is most remarkable to you in this passage?
6. Read Malachi 1:11. How has this verse become true in the world?

Application:

- What can you do this season to help others focus on the true meaning of Christmas?