Mentor United Methodist Church - Lent 2021



February 28, 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Lent in the Wilderness: When There Is No Wo

A Way in the Wilderness: When There Is No Way Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Devotion

When Abram was 99 years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty"

Genesis 17:1a

This week we focus on the story of Abram. When he was 99 years old, God appeared to him to make a covenant with him. What is a covenant? A covenant is similar to a promise, but it is even BETTER! This was a special promise that God made and KEPT! This promise was to make 99-year-old Abram the father of many people. This seems impossible, but we know that God is able to do anything.

Abram was so faithful to God that he fell down to listen to more of what God had to say. Abram didn't stop to think that there was no way this could happen. He trusted God. God told him

that his name would be changed to Abraham and his wife, Sarai's name would be changed to Sarah. God made a covenant that Abraham and Sarah would have many descendants.

From this passage we learn how amazing God is. When we are living our life the way God calls us to live, He will be there to lead the way through the times of struggle that we may have. We may think we have no way of getting out of a bad situation or the struggle that we are facing. This is when we need to remember that God IS Almighty! He even said that directly to Abraham! God will lead us out of the struggle or bad situation. We only need to rely on Him and allow Him to lead us. As we go through this second week of Lent, let us remember that we are not alone. God is with us. He will lead us when we think there is no way.

PRAYER: Dear God, as we move forward into our second week of Lent help us to continue to set aside the distractions that we have and to spend quiet time with you. As we hear the story of Abraham may we remember that You ARE Almighty! We know that you will lead us when we don't think we can continue on our journey. Help us to lean into you when we are facing challenges and difficulties. We ask this through Your Son's most precious name. Amen.

~Tammy Palermo

Snack Recipe: Make star shaped cookies and decorate with your family's names

Snack idea to buy: Dove Promise chocolates **Activity/Game: Guess the Promise Circle**

Each family member must think of a promise they would like to act out but NO TALKING. For instance, if the promise is to keep your teeth healthy, you could pretend you are brushing your teeth. The rest of the family guesses the promise. Everyone takes a turn.

What's Your Name?

Parents share what your name means and why it was chosen with your children. Then, share why you named your child their name and what it means.

Coloring Sheet: Abraham and Stars