

Series: Names of God
Sermon: El Shaddai
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Daily Readings

Monday: Genesis 17
Tuesday: Genesis 16
Wednesday: Hebrews 11:1-19
Thursday: Romans 4
Friday: Galatians 3:1-22
Saturday: Genesis 35:1-15

Discussion Questions

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message.
2. Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? Did you learn anything new about God or yourself this week?
3. Interact with this statement: "A promise is only as good as the promise-maker." Where do you tend to look for security or certainty besides God's promises (a plan, a person, your own effort)?
4. Read Genesis 17:1–2. God says "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless" before He restates the promise. Why reveal His power and sufficiency first, before asking for faithfulness?
5. Can you think of a promise of God in your own life (comfort, provision, purpose) that might actually be for you but not only about you (something meant to flow through you to someone else)?
6. Where in your life right now are you tempted to produce your own "Ishmael" (a shortcut or human solution) instead of trusting God's timing?
7. Interact with this statement: "If you were as wise as God, you wouldn't change anything." Is there something in your life right now you've been asking God to explain or change? What would it look like to trust His wisdom instead of demanding an explanation?
8. What's one promise of God you need to simply rest in this week instead of trying to force or fix?

Action Step

1. Write down what you're currently waiting on that feels "too hard or too long." Each day this week, instead of asking God to explain it, thank Him for one attribute of who He is (His power, His sufficiency, His faithfulness).
2. Each day, write or share one way God has already proven Himself faithful, powerful, or sufficient in your life; let this train your faith for what's still unresolved. Then, choose one specific act of obedience that you've been delaying until circumstances feel more certain; take a step in faith, not certainty.