



Discussion Questions • Abbotsford

Title of Sermon: Entertaining Angels Unaware

Passage: Genesis 18:1-15 NIV

1. Describe a situation when you trusted someone and it turned out to be a bad idea.
2. What makes you trust someone and not trust another?
3. In the story in Genesis 18:1-15, when do you think Abraham realizes that God himself is one of the people who has showed up at his tent?
4. Why do you think Abraham goes so out of his way to show hospitality to the visitors in Genesis 18:1-8?
 - a. How is the hospitality shown by people in the ancient world different to the hospitality that we show today?
 - b. What is better about it? What is worse?
5. If you compare the hospitality shown by Abraham in Genesis 18 to the lack of hospitality shown by the men of Sodom in Genesis 19, what sticks out to you? Why is the author of Genesis putting these two stories next to each other?
6. Why does Sarah laugh at the promise of God that she is going to have a child?
 - a. Would you have laughed at that news? Why or why not?
 - b. What does God say is the source of her laughter in Genesis 18:13-14?
7. The main point of this passage is that God is able to fulfill his promises to his covenant people despite the presence of great obstacles. When we apply that to our own lives, what kinds of promises does God make to us? Does he promise us material blessings in this life? Why do some pastors say that is the case?
8. Describe situations where you struggled to trust God to come through for you, but you saw him take care of you in ways you didn't expect? What did you learn about God in those situations?
9. If you were advising a Christian who was facing difficult circumstances and who was wondering how to trust God in the face of such obstacles, what advice would you give to them? How would you encourage them that trusting God is worth it?

Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon? Pray for each other along with other requests.



Benediction - 1 Timothy 1:17 NIV

"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen."