The Story: Chapter Two

God Builds a Nation

**The Nation:**

God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nation. Through this nation will come the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.* ***2****“I will make you into a great nation…*

* God relentlessly pursues humanity. Why?
  + He does not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Does He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
  + He must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!
* God is keeping His promise is Genesis 3:15. How?
  + He keeps His promises with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + He keeps His promise in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (2nd Corinthians 1:20)
* God is always the one who initiates.
  + Adam & Eve
  + Noah & family
  + Abram & Sarai
    - God initiates a relationship.
    - God seeks and calls Abram.
    - God makes a specific promise to Abram.
    - God gives a sign (tangible expression of the promise).
    - God orchestrates opportunities for faith.
  + Hagar & Ishmael

**The People:**

God chooses the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Him.

*So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.****5****He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.*

* Why them?
* What happened next?
* How did it go?

**God:**

God is always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and internally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*He also said to him, “I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”*

* God never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* God works through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* God claims \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Us:**

God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Himself so that humans will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*…these are written that you may believe[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+20&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26899b)*] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

* Faith placed
* Faith misplaced