



Mountains Can Seem Like Obstacles

Next Steps

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OPENING PRAYER:

God, we are waiting here for you. Guide our thoughts and prayers so they may increase our faith. When we are weary, give us strength; when we want to give up, help us to be resilient. Direct us in ways that we can care for each other. Give us courage to move out in faith. We trust in you. Amen.

...new life starts in the dark. Whether it is a seed in the ground, a baby in the womb, or Jesus in the tomb, it starts in the dark. Barbara Brown Taylor

BREAKING THE ICE:

Briefly describe some characteristics of a mountain; what does it look like? What does it feel like? What are things in life that can seem like mountains?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Genesis 12:1-9

- What was Abram's response to God's outrageous message? How do you respond when God tells you to do something that seems outlandish?
- Abraham was seventy-five and Sarah was beyond child-bearing age when God said to Abraham "to your offspring I will give this land" (v7). What does this say about God's ability to "move mountains"?
- When was a time that God moved a mountain in your life? What does that teach you? How can you use that memory in your life?

NEXT STEPS:

- What are the things that challenge us from stepping out?
- God prepares us for the journey. Who would come along and what would you bring with you?
- Think about some of the journeys that you have taken in your life; how has God shown up in those journeys?

CLOSING PRAYER:

Purposeful God, you set us on journeys and offer us new life. Help us to bring our faith in your promises as we set out. Remind us that sometimes we will face challenges, keep us faithful in following your lead. Amen.