



A. W. Tozer wrote that what comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. It is critical that our thoughts of the Almighty are worthy of Him, so in this series we'll explore some great I AM narratives in the Old Testament to remind us that He STILL IS!

**These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.**

**1** Rick began by reminding us from Abraham and Sarah's story (**Genesis 17:17 and 18:12**) that "It's not always easy to be full of faith in the faithfulness of God." How would you have responded if you were them? Share an example of a time you doubted the promises of God and talk about how that affected your faith in Him. Follow up: How does this resonate with you: *Even when you cannot see it or feel it, can you affirm that "The Lord is trustworthy in all His promises"?* (**Psalm 145:13**)?

**2 BIG QUESTION: Do we believe the God we believe in?** *It is very possible to not believe the God that you believe exists.* Rick said that "Some people have fake faith." What does that mean? How have you been guilty of that in your life? Follow up: **Read Genesis 12:1-3 & 15:6.** What did God's promise mean for Abraham's faith in practical terms? What is significant about the way God chooses to relate to all people via promise and faith?

**3 A PROMISE-KEEPING GOD... motivates obedience.** *God's promises are meant to be pursued.* **Read Hebrews 11:8-9.** What stands out to you the most about this description of Abraham's faith and obedience? How do you typically respond if you don't know all the details? Follow up: What are some examples of what it looks like to order your life around the conviction that the promise-maker is a promise-keeper?

**4 A PROMISE-KEEPING GOD... strengthens resilience.** *It is a struggle to keep believing God when things you hope for never seem to come.* Share examples of things you are currently hoping for but haven't seen yet. How is that impacting your faith?

**5 Read Hebrews 11:11, Psalm 91:2-4, Psalm 145:13-14, Lamentations 3:21-24, and 2 Thessalonians 3:3.** How do passages like these encourage you in times you struggle to keep believing in God? Share examples of how you have seen faith rewarded.

**6 A PROMISE-KEEPING GOD... inspires confidence.** *Conviction about the future brings great courage to the present.* **Read Hebrews 11:10.** How does God's history of faithfulness in your past inspire you to trust Him with your future? Follow up: **Read Hebrews 11:17-19.** What stands out to you from this part of the story? In what area of your life do you need to believe that nothing is too hard for God?

**7** How has Satan tempted you not to believe the God you believe in? **Read 1 Corinthians 1:8-9 and Jude 24.** What encouragement do you find in these scriptures?

**8** Rick closed by reminding us to "Put your faith in His faithfulness!" What are you trusting God with today? Are you anxiously or patiently waiting for Him to fulfill His promises? Follow up: What daily actions can you take to remind yourself of God's promises in your life as you move in the direction that faith is calling you?

