

Sermon Starter – God’s Covenant with Abraham

Covenant between God and Abraham

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Mark 8:31-38

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Covenant between God and Abraham (Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16)

Peter/Satan between Jesus and his mission (Mark 8:31-38)

Self between us and following Jesus

Although God’s vast, inclusive covenant with Noah remains, this week’s covenant with Abraham narrows in focus to one family in order to flesh out how and through whom it will unfold. The covenant extends from generation to generation.

The Romans text declares Abraham the father of all of us who share in Abraham’s faith. God’s covenant is radically inclusive, and through faith anyone can find themselves a son or daughter of the “father of many nations.”

Peter tries to get between Jesus and his peculiar good news of dying. When do we get in the way of Jesus’ good news or try to bypass the challenging reality of suffering being part of that good news?

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