



This week, we will begin a journey through the book of Exodus where we will witness one of the greatest rescue missions in the history of the world. As we begin this journey, I want to ask you a question: Has anyone ever promised you something really big? If so, what was it? If someone promises you something, and then doesn't give you what was promised, what do you call that person? (A liar).

Did you know God makes some big promises to His people in the Bible? Here they are in Genesis 12:1-3:

"NOW THE LORD SAID TO ABRAM, "GO FROM YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR KINDRED AND YOUR FATHER'S HOUSE TO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU. 2 AND I WILL MAKE OF YOU A GREAT NATION, AND I WILL BLESS YOU AND MAKE YOUR NAME GREAT, SO THAT YOU WILL BE A BLESSING. 3 I WILL BLESS THOSE WHO BLESS YOU, AND HIM WHO DISHONORS YOU I WILL CURSE, AND IN YOU ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED."

In these verses, we see God making some huge promises to a guy named Abram (who later becomes Abraham). These promises were to bless him, give him his own land, make him into a great nation, and bless the whole world through him! Wow! Those are some really big promises, aren't they?

But there is a **BIG** problem!

When we come to the first chapter of Exodus, we find Abraham's family in a foreign land, suffering under the hand of Pharaoh. The people that God promised would become a great nation with their own land and great blessings were being beaten and killed by Pharaoh who wanted them destroyed.

Do you see the big problem? God had made some big promises to the people of Israel, but right now none of those promises were coming true. Rather than becoming great, they were being killed, rather than being blessed they were being cursed, and rather than having their own land, they were slaves in Egypt.

Now here is the big question: Will God keep His promises and rescue His people, or will he let them die in Egypt?

I don't know about you, but I'm excited to study the book of Exodus and find out!

Let's close in prayer and ask God to show us His great love and power as we study the book of Exodus this year!