

## **Reframe...Connecting Faith & Life! (Part #3)**

### **How Does A Good God Redeem A Broken World??**

**He Makes...**

**A People For Everyone—Israel's Calling!**

**Genesis 12:1-4**

The Lord had said to Abram...<sup>2</sup>“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you...and you will be a blessing.  
<sup>3</sup>...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

**\*God Makes & Keeps A Promise To Bless!**

**Our Entire World Is Blessed Because of the Jews!**

“...the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. <sup>5</sup>Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.”—**Romans 9:4-5**

“...my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”—**Isaiah 43:20-21 ESV**

**\*God Calls Ordinary People To Trust Him!**

**Genesis 22:1-18** Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. <sup>2</sup>Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.” <sup>3</sup>Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup>He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.” <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As

the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup>Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. <sup>9</sup>When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. <sup>12</sup>“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.” <sup>13</sup>Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.” <sup>15</sup>The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>16</sup>and said...<sup>18</sup>“through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

**Abraham→David→Exile→Jesus (1800 years)**

**\*God Keeps His Story Moving Even  
When People Fail Him!**

**Creation→Fall→Flood→Abraham→Joseph→Moses→  
Joshua→Judges→Kings→2 Kingdoms→Exile→Jesus!**

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”—**1 Peter 2:9**

“What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?”—**Romans 6:1-2**

**\*God Is Worthy Of Our Trust And  
Bigger Than Our Failures!**

# JOIN US **TODAY**

Sunday, January 22nd, 2017

Opening  
*ALL BECAUSE OF JESUS*

Welcome  
*NEVER ONCE  
GRACIOUS TEMPEST*

Prayer

Offering  
*OVERWHELMED*

Message  
**A PEOPLE FOR EVERYONE:  
ISRAEL'S CALLING**

Pastor Dean Ward

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

PART 3

# REFRAME

Connecting Faith & Life

## GIVING BACK TO GOD

Giving back to God, cheerfully and sacrificially, is part of our worship. It's our way of putting God first in our finances and supporting the mission of The River throughout the year. The combined totals for both The River New Kensington and The River New Heights are listed.

	\$7,150.00 Needed Weekly	Attendance
December 25th	\$1,836.19	81
January 1st	\$7,313.41	169
January 8th	\$3,581.00	297
January 15th	\$7,334.70	280

# UPCOMING **EVENTS**

This Week		Next Week	
Sunday January 22	Services 9:30am & 11:15am	Sunday January 29	Services 9:30am & 11:15am Business & Blessings Meeting 12:30pm @ New Heights Campus
Wednesday January 25	The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm Wednesday Night Live! 6-8pm Business & Blessings Meeting 6pm	Wednesday February 1	The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm Wednesday Night Live! 6-8pm
Thursday January 26	MOPS 9:30-11:30am Bible Study 6:30-8pm	Thursday February 2	Bible Study 6:30-8pm

FEBRUARY 11

## KIDS CLOSET PUBLIC EVENT

@ THE RIVER NEW KENSINGTON AT 10AM-1PM



**STAY CONNECTED!** CHECK OUT ALL OF OUR EVENTS

[www.therivernewken.com](http://www.therivernewken.com)  
[www.facebook.com/therivernewken](https://www.facebook.com/therivernewken)  
[nicky@therivernewken.com](mailto:nicky@therivernewken.com)



## THE RIVER PRAYER CHAIN

At The River, we are honored to pray for each other. If you are in need of prayer, or if you wish to pray for others, please email [prayer@therivernewken.com](mailto:prayer@therivernewken.com). You can also write your prayer requests on your "Get Connected" Card included in today's bulletin.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT **LIVE!**

Family ♦ Fellowship ♦ Faith

## 6:30-8pm

Beginning January 11th

See faith differently

A powerful 8-week film-based exploration of what it means to follow Christ in the modern era.

## BRING THE KIDS!

Nursery & Preschool programs are available



Open to kids in grades K-6

# RIVER'S EDGE

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays 6-8pm

Open to youth grades 7-12  
Youth Pastor Brian Baker 724-594-7394

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday, the youth are encouraged to attend the 11:15 service. After the offering song, the youth will go into the Youth Room for their lesson.