



# PEACE BY *piece* SERIES

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## CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONAL WEEK TWO: PROMISE

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### *The Eternal Goal*

"I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring<sup>[b]</sup> all nations on earth will be blessed,<sup>[c]</sup> because you have obeyed me." - Genesis 22:16-17

Abraham had the very nature of God in him. He understood the reality of God. When God spoke, Abraham's response was obedience. The goal of any follower of Jesus is to be in Christ at all times, to carry and exhibit His very nature without counting the cost and questioning the method in which God asks us to move forward for His purpose and to His glory.

To live a fully transformed life, means there is no possibility of questioning God when He speaks, there is no negotiating, delaying or refusing. When He speaks to me. He is speaking to His own nature in me. Immediate obedience is my response. When Jesus says, "Come," I simply come; when He says, "Let go," I let go; when He says, "Trust God in this matter," I trust. Obedience is the evidence that the nature of God is in me.

God's revelation of Himself to me is influenced by my character, not by God's character.

It is through the discipline of obedience that I get to the place where Abraham was and I see who God is. God will never be real to me until I come face-to-face with Him in Jesus Christ. Then I will know and can boldly say, I surrender all - there is nothing and no one who compares to You or comes before You.

The promises of God are of no value to us until, through obedience, we understand the nature of God. We may read the Bible every day and the words we read may mean nothing to us. Then, because we have been obedient to God in some small detail, we suddenly see God's purpose and His nature is revealed to us. "All the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen..." (2 Corinthians 1:20). Our "Yes" is evident when we are obedient; through our obedience we confirm a promise of God by saying, "Amen," or, "So be it." That promise becomes ours.

# Prayer

Thank God for allowing our story to become a part of His greater story. Through our obedience we get to receive the promises of God. Ask Him to reveal any areas in your life where you are not walking in obedience. Pray for Him to place in you an acceptance of what He reveals to you and a desire to live a life fully invested in Him.

