Week Two: February 23
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Text: Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

1When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. 2And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” 3Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 4“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 5No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 6I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.... 15God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Reflection:

“And I will make my covenant between me and you...” (Gen. 17:2).

The word covenant is used four times in this short passage. The God of the universe made a covenant with Abram. God could have given a command or proclamation, but God chose a covenant. This covenant was a two-way agreement between God and Abram.

I look at a covenant with God as a calling God has put on my life. God will always keep His end of the covenant.

What covenant has God made with you? What calling has God put on your life? Take a moment to reflect on how you have been keeping the call God placed on your life.

Personal Prayer:

God, thank you for the calling you have placed on my life. Forgive me for the times I forget about it, and give me the strength to press forward.

Community Prayer Focus:

Pray for our students, alumni/ae, faculty and staff to keep their calling from God in mind as they make decisions — large and small — this week.

Meeting Idea:

Read Genesis 17:1–7 together before starting your meeting.