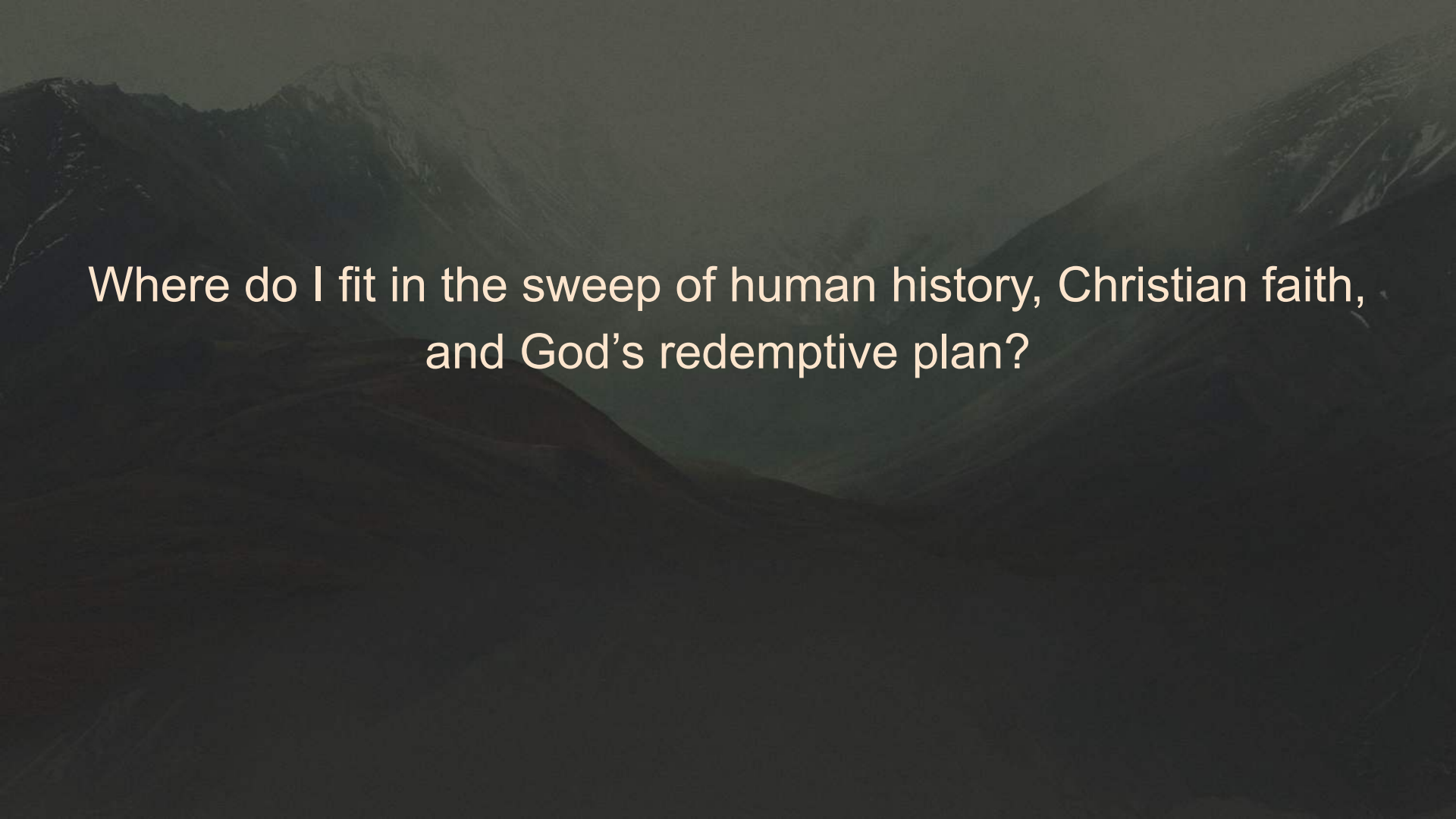




Many today wonder:

- What do I believe?
- Who can I trust?
- What's my purpose? To what should I give my energy, and why: for cause, community, country... Christ?
- What, if any, difference can I really make?



Where do I fit in the sweep of human history, Christian faith,  
and God's redemptive plan?

## Questions we'll ask:

- Where do I see myself in God's unfolding story?
- What can the story of Israel teach me about God's faithfulness today... and even my own?
- How can the early Church reawaken my devotion to Christ, a passion for sharing my faith, and my commitment to this expression of the church, Mosaic?



# BETWEEN TWO MOUNTAINS

THE STORY OF ISRAEL AND THE  
BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a mountain valley. The foreground shows dark, rolling hills. In the background, two prominent mountain peaks are visible, their upper sections covered in snow and partially shrouded in mist or low clouds. The overall lighting is dim, creating a somber and majestic mood.

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**Red Thread:** *the blood of an innocent animal is shed at the hand of God to cover the nakedness (sin) of Man.*

“The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.” (Genesis 3:21)

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# The Noahic Covenant

*Unconditional • Sign = Rainbow*

- Promises:
  - God will never again destroy the earth by flood.
  - Stability in the natural world (i.e., seasons and cycles) will continue.
  - Humanity is to multiply and steward the earth.
- Purpose: To preserve creation and reaffirm God's commitment to the world despite human sin.

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## *Takeaway*

God is holy, just, and merciful. Even in judgment, He preserves hope and invites faith.

## II. Patriarchs (Genesis 12-50)

*God chooses a man and a family to bless the world.*

### A. Abraham - A Covenant Established

# The Abrahamic Covenant

*Unconditional, yet individual blessings could be forfeited or delayed due to disobedience or unbelief • Sign = Circumcision*

- Promises:
  - A **great nation** will come from Abraham.
  - Abraham's name will be great.
  - Land will be given to his descendants. (Canaan)
- Purpose: To create a people through whom God would reveal Himself and bring blessing to all nations.

## II. Patriarchs (Genesis 12-50)

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A. Abraham - A Covenant Established

B. Isaac - The Child of Promise

**Red Thread:** *Abraham is told to sacrifice Isaac (to test his faith and demonstrate trust in God's promises) but God provides a ram instead. (substitutionary atonement)*

“God will provide for Himself the lamb...” (Genesis 22:8)



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God works through flawed people  
to accomplish His sovereign purposes.

### III. Tribal Nation (Exodus - Judges)

*A people formed through deliverance, covenant, and chaos.*

#### A. Exodus - Redemption & Revelation (Moses)

**Red Thread:** *The first Passover, when the blood of an innocent lamb is shed throughout Israel as a sign of faith in God, sparing their first-born sons.*

“When I see the blood, I will pass over you.” (Exodus 12:13)

# The Mosaic Covenant

*Conditional • Distinguishing Marks = Observance of the Sabbath & the Law  
(the Law defines Israel's national life, worship & moral code)*

- Promises:
  - Blessings for obedience; curses for disobedience.
  - If Israel obeys God's law, they will be His treasured possession, a holy nation.
  - God's presence fills the Tabernacle; He will dwell among His people.
- Purpose: To establish Israel as a holy nation, set apart for God's purposes, revealing His holiness and justice.

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A. Exodus - Redemption & Revelation

B. Conquest - Learning to Trust (Joshua)

**Red Thread:** *Rahab, a Canaanite prostitute, hides the Hebrew spies and asks to be spared when Jericho falls.*

“Tie this scarlet (red) cord in the window... and all who are in your house will be spared.” (Joshua 2:18–19)



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#### *Takeaway*

Even when God's people are unfaithful, He remains faithful by raising up deliverers and preparing for something greater.



So, if you're wondering:

- What do I believe, and who can I trust?

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God wants to work through you.

# Summary Outline for Memorization

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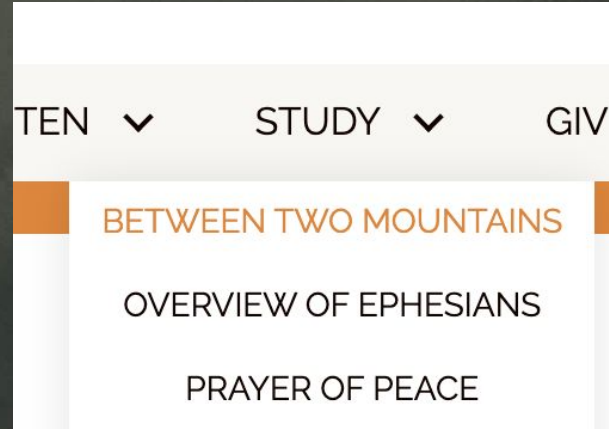
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