Un-Broken: How we experienced God's love, and you can too Week 3: Relentless Pursuit October 11th, 2020

OPENING PRAYER

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of life.

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

~Safe Group	~Silence	~Sharing
~Confidentiality	~No Cross Talk	~Self-Aware
~Listen	~No Fixing	~"I" Statements
~Pause	~No Rescuing	~Handle Conflict
		Biblically

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

Our message title this week is "Relentless Pursuit"...Growing up, was there something that you just had to have? (A toy/a relationship/ a bicycle/ etc.) To what extreme did you go to get it?

INTRODUCTION

We continue our series *Un-Broken*, as we look at stories of God's love and how it changes lives. This week we step into a message entitled *Relentless Pursuit*. Our focus comes from God's promises to man named Abram found in **Genesis 12:1-3**. Listen to God's promises over Abram and how he fulfilled them.

As you listen to the story and as you consider our title *Relentless Pursuit*, think of how God has pursued you throughout your life!

Bible Storytelling: Genesis 12:1-3

- Tell the Story: This week's story will be told by one of our group members.
- Examine the Story: Looking at Genesis 12:1-3 in your Bible, what did the storyteller add or omit in their retelling? Does anything else stand out to you?
- Read the story: Have someone in your group read the passage of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

DISCUSSION:

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

- Have you felt throughout your life that God was pursuing you?
 (Why or why not?)
- How have you seen God keep His promises in your life?
- God changed Abram's name to Abraham. Is there a name or title that you have given yourself in life? Has God renamed you? How has He given you a "new name?" (Example... "I once was______, but God calls me_____")
- What stood out to you about Stephanie Knaus' story?
- What is a take-away for you from this week's message?

• **CLOSING PRAYER**-Spend some time in prayer, pray for the season we are in, for those that may be affected, for the community, for our world. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.