

A TRANSFORMATION CHURCH SERIES

SERMON: El Shaddai – Lord God Almighty

SUMMARY:

When we read the Bible, we see God described with many different names. These names give us insight into His character. Specifically, God's names describe His redemptive action in human history. Each week of this series we will explore a different name of God as described in Scripture. This week we will focus on the name *El Shaddai*, which translates to Lord God Almighty.

We read about this name of God in Genesis when Abraham (then called Abram) has an encounter with God in which God tells Abram that he is El Shaddai. In this encounter, God establishes His covenant with Abraham: "This is My covenant with you: I will make you the father of a multitude of nations! What's more, I am changing your name. It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham, for you will be the father of many nations. I will make you extremely fruitful. Your descendants will become many nations, and kings will be among them!" (Genesis 17:4-6) Through this story we are able to see that *El Shaddai* is on a mission to rescue humanity and creation; and He uses Abraham's family to do it!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

In this message, Pastor Derwin reminds us of how *El Shaddai*, in King Jesus, births a new family through the Gospel, rescues humanity, and gives us a new uniform and a new mission. Have you ever had to wear a uniform for a sport or for work? What do uniforms represent? Why are they important?

Read Galatians 3:8-9.

These verses say the Gospel was preached ahead of time to Abraham. What is the Gospel?

Who are the Gentiles and why is it significant that they are justified by faith? What is faith and how does having faith bless you and others?

Read Revelation 5:9-10.

What is the significance of having every tribe, language, people, and nation gathered around the throne?

Read Galatians 3:13-14.

From what has Jesus rescued us? Why does the Apostle Paul mention Gentiles in verse 14? To whom does the promise of Abraham extend?

Read Galatians 3:26-29.

What does it mean to be clothed with Christ? We are one in Christ. What's the difference between unity in diversity and uniformity?

Read Matthew 4:19.

What does it mean to "fish" for people? How is God calling you to follow Him? Is there anything you need to surrender or "drop" to follow God fully?

End your time in prayer.