The Promise is a Wild Ride

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Questions

Even though life is complicated & unfair, why is God’s creation design—dad+mom+babies—the most stable, strong base from which to start a family?

After his best effort—Hagar & Ishmael—what did Abraham find out (See Romans 4:1-3)?

If acting in faith is taking a risk with unknown factors and outcomes, how can we better understand the risk (Philippians 3:7-10)? Why is knowing Messiah Jesus so powerful and clarifying?

Why does Abraham fall silent when The Lord tells him to sacrifice Isaac? Why does he not negotiate like he did for Sodom? Why not tell Sarah?

Why is Genesis 22 such a difficult, yet critical, story to grapple with in the Bible?

Abraham did not fall into the ditch of dogmatism (I’ll just do it quickly because I have to) or doubt (this is not the God I thought I knew). How does walking with Jesus help us navigate hard places?