

Journey of Faith

(Part 6 – When faith Needs Reassurance)

Text: Genesis 17

Main Idea: Our faith is reassured by knowing God & subsequently responds accordingly with a new dedication!

1. **God's Part:** Our faith is _____ by knowing God & His commitment to His people! (v. 1-8)
 - Reassured by His _____: He is God Almighty! (v. 1)
 - Reassured through His _____. (v. 6-8)
 - Reassured by His _____: "I will be God to you." (v. 7-8)
 - Reassured through _____ names as a reminder of His covenant!
2. **Our Part:** Reassured faith will _____ with a renewed commitment to God's purposes! (v. 9-27)
 - Responds with a **holy** _____: To walk blamelessly before God! (v. 1)
 - Responds with a **transformed** _____: Abram fell on His face before God! (v. 3, 17)
 - Responds with a **renewed** _____ to the covenant: Consecration to God & to the people of God. (v. 9-14)
 - Responds with a **deeper** _____: Believing God to do the impossible! (v. 15-21)
 - Responds with an **urgent** _____: "That very day." (v. 23)

Application Questions (Family Devotions):

1. After great failures, believers need the assurance of God that He has not abandoned us. How does God's commitment to Abram from chapter 16 (failure) to chapter 17 reveal God's faithfulness? How has God been faithful to you through your failures? Review these **promises** from the NT that reveal God's covenant faithfulness to you: John 6:37-40, Romans 8:29-39, 1 John 1:9, 1 Pet 5:7,
2. Who do you know God to be? Is it important to know God rightly? Do you know Him as El-Shaddai (God Almighty) as He revealed Himself to Abram? Why did Abram & Sarai doubt God's promises in v. 17-18? What impossible things are you asking God Almighty to do in your life?
3. How does reassured faith respond to God? Review the 5 responses that Abram made to God. Where are you lacking? Pray through those responses asking God to help you fulfill your part!
4. God told Abram that his part in the covenant was to walk blamelessly before him. What does it mean to walk blamelessly before God? Are there any areas of your life, which are not pleasing to the Lord? Think through every aspect of your life: your language, attitude, clothing, money, material possessions, entertainment, relationships, etc. Ask God to reveal to you what areas you need to improve.
5. What is the significance of God's command for circumcision as a sign of the covenant? Re-read the consequences for not "keeping" this command in v. 14. What level of commitment does this imply not only to God, but the covenant community? How committed are you to God & the "New Covenant" community of believers?