

A Journey of Faith

(Part 4 – The Strength of Faith: God’s Character & Covenant)

Text: Genesis 15

Main Idea: God wants His children to be confident about His promises!

1. **Because God’s Word is _____, we must _____ in Him! (v. 1-6)**

- No need to _____: God is our protector! (v. 1a)
- No need to _____: God will provide! (v. 1b)
- No need to _____: God will keep His promise! (2-5)
- Every reason to _____ in Him, resulting in _____! (v. 6, Rom 3:21-31, 4:1-5)

2. **Because God’s Promises are _____, we should live in _____! (v. 7-8, 12-16)**

- Peace comes from knowing His _____: “I am the Lord.” (7)
- Peace comes from knowing His _____: “I brought you up.” (7b)
- Peace comes from knowing His _____: Sometimes it involves delay, suffering & death. (13-16, Rom 8:28)

3. **Because God’s Covenant is _____, we should expect the _____ of eternal blessings! (v. 9-11, 17-21, Rom 8:31-39)**

Application Questions:

1. Genesis chapter 15 finds Abram in a state of fear, uncertainty, & doubt about the fulfillment of God’s promises. What were his doubts & concerns (Notice v. 2 & v. 8)? Have you ever had doubts and concerns about God & His trustworthiness? What trials have occurred in your own life, which have tempted you to doubt God’s goodness? According to 1 Peter 5:8, when are we most susceptible to doubt and attack by the devil?
2. God did two things to reassure Abram: 1) He spoke His Word to him, & 2) He made a covenant with him. Even though circumstances still looked bleak, Abram “believed” God (v. 6). How significant is it to “trust” in God when we may not fully understand? Are you able to “trust” in God’s Word?
3. What is the significance of v. 6 and that God counted Abram’s faith as righteousness (See Romans 4:1-5)? What does it mean to be “justified” by faith alone? Abram’s story is a picture of how sinful man is made right with God through faith! Have you placed your “trust” (faith) in Jesus Christ? (See Jn 3:16, Roman 10:9-10) How do “works” fit into our salvation experience? (See James 2:14-26)
4. It is interesting that the sovereign plan of God is probably not what Abram anticipated (v. 13-16). That plan included delay, suffering and even death. Think through the delay, suffering & death (of others) you have experienced. How can you trust God knowing that the suffering you are experiencing is NOT an **abandonment** of God’s faithfulness to you but a part of His sovereign plan?