

The Heart of the Matter

12. Where in your life do you need God to say, “Do not be afraid, I am your shield, your very great reward”?

13. Where in your life are you longing for some certainty?

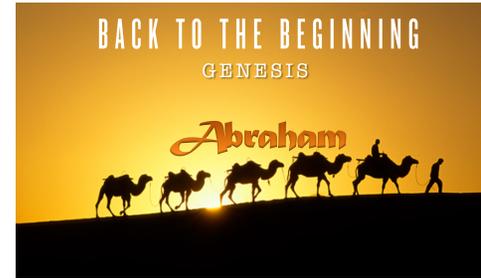
14. How has God shown you that He is committed to keeping His promises to you?

15. Have you come to the place in your life where you really believe God? What brought you to this decision?

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Life Group Study Guide

Believing God Genesis 15:1-21 For the Week of February 11, 2018

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. How do you reassure someone that you will really keep your promise?
3. When you look at the stars in the heavens what are you reminded of the most?

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Digging Deeper

4. In verses 1-3 and 8, what does Abram fear most? Is there anything wrong with wanting reassurance from God?

5. In adopting a servant to be Abram's heir, is Abram faithless or faithful? What does God think (V4-7,9-21)?

6. If God says it once (12:2-3,7), even twice (13:14-17), why remind Abram again in Genesis 15:1-21?

7. How has God already been Abram's "shield" and "great reward"?

8. How is "faith" related to "righteousness"? (Romans 4:18-22; Galatians 3:6-9) Which comes first? Which comes from God? Which is indispensable to a right relationship with God?

9. In the next scene (V9-21), what do the cut animals signify? The blazing torch and smoking fire-pot? The fire passing between the cut pieces?

10. In verses 12-16 and 18-20 what news is comforting? Discomforting?

11. In this passage, why did God enter into this binding agreement with Abram?