

Covenant Promise
Abraham: Hearing God's Call – Part 4
Life Church St. Louis – July 8, 2018
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2 Peter 1:3-4 (ESV) His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness ... by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature,

John 3:16 (ESV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Hebrews 6:12 (ESV) so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Hebrews 6:15 (ESV) And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise.

1. Believe God's _____ of children

Genesis 15:1 (ESV) After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

1A. Express any _____

Genesis 15:2-3 (ESV) But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir."

1B. Listen for God's _____

Genesis 15:4-5 (ESV) And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

1C. Believe God's _____

Genesis 15:6 (ESV) And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

2. Believe God's promise of _____

Genesis 15:7 (ESV) And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess."

2A. Ask God your _____

Genesis 15:8 (ESV) But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"

2B. Be willing to _____

Genesis 15:9-11 (ESV) He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." And he brought him all these, cut them in half ... And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

3. Receive God's _____

Genesis 15:12 (ESV) As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him.

3A. Understand God's _____

Genesis 15:13-14 (ESV) Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

Genesis 15:15-16 (ESV) As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.

3B. Live in light of God's _____

Genesis 15:17-18 (ESV) When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
- Invite a friend for our series **Abraham: Hearing God's Call** next Sunday.
- How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

Covenant Promise Study Guide

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Intro. What is the purpose of God's promises (2 Peter 1:3-4)?

Explain how John 3:16 is a conditional promise.

How can a promise be inherited or fulfilled in your life (Hebrews 6:12)?

Why is it hard to wait patiently for a promise to be fulfilled (Hebrews 6:15)?

1A. Explain God's command and promise to Abram in Genesis 15:1.

1B. Why did Abram express his doubts to God (Genesis 15:2-3)?

1C. How did God respond to Abram's doubts about the promise (Genesis 15:4-5)?

1D. What can you learn from Abram's response to God's promise (Genesis 15:6)?

1E. How do we know that God desires every believer to have spiritual children?

2A. Why did God promise Abram land as well as children (Genesis 15:7)?

2B. What was behind Abram's question about the promise of the land of Canaan (Genesis 15:8)?

2C. What does the birds of prey attack on Abram's sacrifice represent (Genesis 15:9-11)?

2D. What resources do we need to reach the lost and produce spiritual children?

3A. What does the long timetable of God's promise in Genesis 15:12-14 tell you about God?

3B. Why did the conquest of Canaan by Israel have to wait for the completion of the sin of the Amorites (Genesis 15:15-16)?

3C. What is significant about the covenant promise that God made with Abram (Genesis 15:17-18)?

3D. What do you need to do to begin claiming God's promises for your life?