



The Waiting



Genesis 12 - Follow Me




Key Insight

Abram left what was known to him in order to step out into what God was calling him to. God spoke to Abram with promise.

Genesis 12:1 - *“Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.”*

Genesis 12:15-16 - *“All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted.”*



When did God call you to follow him? Is there a vision or desire that he’s placed within your heart? Has he spoken a promise to you? Write it down. 



Genesis 15 – Remember Him



Key Insight

Abram faced fear, doubt and unbelief. But God in his grace and loving kindness affirmed his faithfulness to Abram.

Genesis 15: 1 - *“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”*

Genesis 15:7-16 - *“I am the Lord who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans...”*

Jeremiah 29:13 – *“You will seek me and find me...”*



God is not surprised by your unbelief or afraid of your questions. Be honest...talk to him about it! What fears or doubts are you wrestling with?

Can you remember his faithfulness? Who is the Lord to you & what has he done for you?



Genesis 16 – The Fight Between What We See & What We Know



Key Takeaway

Sarai and Abram's discouragement and fear, caused them to doubt the Lord, believe lies and walk in disobedience. They faced heartache and strife as a result. But God in his grace and loving kindness affirmed his faithfulness to Abram.

Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."



What lies about my value or identity have I believed? Have I looked for worth in people, performance, or attention instead of God? What truth does God speak in their place?

What thought patterns am I noticing? What thoughts have I come into agreement with? Am I operating in fear and moving in my own strength now? If yes, then how?



Genesis 17 – What Needs to Be Cut Off?



Key Takeaway

God reminded Abram to turn back to Him, to walk faithfully and to circumcise himself and the boys in his home. It's a call to turn away from sin and commit their hearts to the Lord. God

changed Abram's name to signify a new covenant and to fulfill a promise of future fruitfulness. He wanted to affirm Abraham and Sarah's identity in Him.

Genesis 17:1 - *"I am God Almighty, walk before me faithfully..."*

Jeremiah 4:4 - *"Circumcise yourselves to the Lord..."*

1 Corinthians 6:17 - *"But whoever is united with the Lord is united with Him in Spirit."*

Hebrews 3:7-8 - *"Today if you hear his voice..."*

Hebrews 4:1 - *"The promise of entering his rest still stands."*

Hebrews 4:16 - *"Let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God..."*



God wants to walk in unity with you. He wants to liberate you from all that separates you from Him. What in your heart has caused you to drift from Him? Is God moving you to release it to Him?

What truth has God spoken that I can hold onto? What promise(s) can I hold onto?

I am a daughter of God, how will my identity in Him change the way I show up?



Genesis 21-22 – Will You Stay?



Key Takeaway

Waiting hurts, especially in your weakness, it's painful and uncomfortable. Abraham had the choice to walk in obedience or not, to trust God or go with his own understanding, to sacrifice what he loved, or to hold onto the pieces of his life that he believed he needed in order to fulfill the promises of God. But he chose to lay them down. He let go of his control over it and put it all in God's hands.

Matthew 16:24-25 - *"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.'"*

Proverbs 3:5-6 - *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to him and he will direct your path."*

Ruth 1:16 - *"Where you go I will go and where you stay I will stay..."*

1 John 4:18 - *"Perfect love casts out fear, fear has to do with punishment and whoever fears has not been made perfect in love."*

John 15:5 - "Remain in me as I remain in you..."

👉 Do you want to be His disciple? In what way is God asking you to trust Him today? What steps of obedience is he calling you to? What is he asking you to lay down?

What steps will I take to remain in Him?



God is After the Deep in You – Abiding in His Love is Key

The deep can be painful painful, it forces you to either lean on the Lord or run away on your own - it tests your faith, your willingness to "STAY". Hold onto the words he's given you, and you will see his faithfulness.

Ruth 2:8 – *"Boaz told her 'My daughter listen to me, stay here...don't go and glean in another field.'"*

Galatians 6:9 – *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

John 15:5 - *"Remain in me as I remain in you..."*

He's shaping something deeper than you comfort. He's forming Christ in you. God is after deeper trust, greater humility, and contentment that is anchored in Him. He is our "very great reward". When you choose to remind yourself of this, peace enters in and the wait will become more valuable to you. Don't rush past Him. Abide.



Am I resisting this current season I am in, or am I receiving what God is trying to produce through it?

In what ways can I abide in His love?



On Wings Like Eagles

Isaiah 40:31 - *"But those who wait (intertwine) on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."*

✨ **Hebrew word for "wait" in this text is "qavah" – hopeful *intertwining* with God's will.**

*"I think it is a real picture of walking, living, being led "by the Spirit".
The Spirit is often depicted as "wind" among other things. Eagles don't have to flap their wings much like other birds. Their dwelling places are high (speaks of abiding in His presence), so they just have to stretch out their wings and catch the wind. They don't have to struggle and they aren't intimidated by the mountains."
– Pastor Linda*

🙏 Thank you Jesus, for the rest and freedom I have in you. Thank you for your mercy and grace, that you forgive me when I run and you pull me back into you. Keep me close and show me how to intertwine myself in you with my daily life, that I might be Spirit led, Spirit filled, and Spirit formed. Deliver me Lord from my enemies and help me to abide in you. You are faithful. Your love is powerful enough. I trust you and commit my life to you. I want to stay where you are, and I have faith that you will do more than I can ask thing or imagine. ❤️

✨ **True rest comes when we turn to Him, when we stop striving and stay abiding.**



Take a minute to reflect on what God is speaking to you. Share with Him your desires and heart to walk with Him. Thank Him for what He's done and what He will do. Write down your prayer to the Lord. Be transparent, just share your heart to Him, the things you're wrestling with but also the hopeful expectation in Him while you wait.

More Scriptures to Hold Onto 🧡

Romans 8:28 - *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose"*

Galatians 6:9 – *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

Psalms 27:14 – *"Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"*

Habakkuk 2:3 - *"For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end - it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay."*

Ephesians 3:20 – *"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think."*