

KNOW FOR CERTAIN

GENESIS 15:1-21

2/8/26

I. DIALOGUE

A. God's declaration

Genesis 15:1 - "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."

1. "I will be your shield"
2. God's protection ensures His promise

B. Abram's question

Genesis 15:2-3 - "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?" 3 And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir."

1. "How are you going to do this God?"
2. God welcomes Abram's question

C. God's promise

Genesis 15:4-5 - 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." 5 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."

1. God's answer to Abram's question is His promise

D. Abram believed

Genesis 15:6 - "And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness."

1. Abram's belief allowed him to rest in God's promises
2. Abram's head knowledge became heart knowledge

II. KNOW FOR CERTAIN

Genesis 15:7-21

A. God illustrates how Abram will know for certain - Covenant

1. Know for certain because God knows the future
2. Know for certain because God swore by Himself

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one thing from the message this week that stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Is there a time in your life when you felt it was hard to trust God's promises because it felt like the fulfillment was impossible or delayed?
3. Abram had a promise but no timeline as to when it would happen. How do we deal with this difficult tension in our lives?
4. We don't like to wait in our current society. How can waiting on God actually deepen our faith?
5. How do you work through questions and doubts that you have about God in your life? What are some tools or who are some people that have helped you process your questions/doubts?
6. What keeps us from bringing our questions and doubts to God?
7. Abram believed God, but his belief was on-going. What are some ways that we must continue and persevere in "believing God"?
8. How did the covenant ceremony of Genesis 15 foreshadow Christ?
9. What is one thing from the group or message this week that you want to live out? How can the group help you live that out?

GOD'S PROMISE THIS WEEK

- Romans 8:28-30 is a great promise of God to us. It promises to us that God will work independent of us for our good. It goes on to talk about all the work that God did for us in salvation. God has His good and perfect plan in mind as He operates in our world.
 - Romans 8:28-30 is a promise of God to us. He doesn't need us. Why is this a good promise for us to cling to?
 - How does knowing that God is in control and sovereign over everything help us to rest in Him?