

THE PROMISE

Genesis 15:1-21

Jesus promises life by giving up His own.

The Covenant Ceremony

Selection of Representatives

Exchange of Outer Garments

Exchange of Weapons

Exchange of Token Possessions

Exchange of Names

Exchange of Vows and Blood

Exchange of Places between Sacrificial Blood

Exchange of Bread and Wine

Abraham's Faith in the Promise of God. (1-6)

God's Promise of Faithfulness in the Covenant. (7-21)

Jesus, the Faithful Promise.

Implications for Us in the New Covenant

Because of the promises of the (New) Covenant — *Go, be a blessing.*

In light of the reality of the (New) Covenant — *Believe by faith.*

In the shadow of the (New) Covenant — *Walk before God and be blameless.*

GROUP / FAMILY DISCUSSION

- When you make a promise, how do you typically express to someone you are serious?
- Which part of the covenant ceremony do you find most meaningful? Why?
- Why is it significant that God initiated the covenant with Abram? What does that say about how God initiated the New Covenant with us?
- Read **Romans 4:1-5**. What does Paul say about how we are justified? Is it because of something we do? Explain.
- What are some promises of God that you struggle believing He will answer?
- In what way can you *Go, be a blessing* this week?
- Name one person you can pray for who needs to know about the New Covenant through Jesus.
- **Pray together.**

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