

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

God Almighty (El-Shaddai)

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
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In what ways are you wrestling with fear and doubt today?

Genesis 17:1-8 (NLT) When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am El-Shaddai—'God Almighty.' Serve me faithfully and live a blameless life. ² I will make a covenant with you, by which I will guarantee to give you countless descendants." ³ At this, Abram fell face down on the ground. Then God said to him, ⁴ "This is my covenant with you: I will make you the father of a multitude of nations! ⁵ What's more, I am changing your name. It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham, for you will be the father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you extremely fruitful. Your descendants will become many nations, and kings will be among them! ⁷ "I will confirm my covenant with you and your descendants after you, from generation to generation. This is the everlasting covenant: I will always be your God and the God of your descendants after you. ⁸ And I will give the entire land of Canaan, where you now live as a foreigner, to you and your descendants. It will be their possession forever, and I will be their God."

- **El-Shaddai = "God Almighty"**

Genesis 12:1-2

- **When we question the character of God, revealed in the promises of God, the result is always fear & doubt.**

Genesis 15:1-6 (NLT) Some time later, the Lord spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, "Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great." ² But Abram replied, "O Sovereign Lord, what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son? Since you've given me no children, Eliezer of Damascus, a servant in my household, will inherit all my wealth. ³ You have given me no descendants of my own, so one of my servants will be my heir." ⁴ Then the Lord said to him, "No, your servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of your own who will be your heir." ⁵ Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!" ⁶ And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith.

Hebrews 11:1 (AMPC) Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see *and* the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

- **Faith is the assurance, proof, and conviction of what we hope God will do.**
- **Faith is perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses.**
- **F.E.A.R. = False Evidence Appearing Real.**

Big Idea: Because God is El-Shaddai (God Almighty) I can trade my fear for faith.

Psalms 91:1,14-16 (NLT) Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty...

¹⁴ The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me.

I will protect those who trust in my name.

¹⁵ When they call on me, I will answer;

I will be with them in trouble.

I will rescue and honour them.

¹⁶ I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation."

Prayer: *Lord, help me know you as my All-Powerful God, the one who is able to sustain and bless me, to fulfill every promise you make. Increase my awe of you and your power so that, like Abraham, I may follow you faithfully, always believing you are enough for me. Fill me with your perfect love so that fear is driven from my life enabling me to walk by faith, trusting you for and in all things.*

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- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God is asking us to lean into?
- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you?

3) Describe a time in your life when you experienced fear. What was this like for you and what helped dissipate your fear?

4) Read Genesis 17:1-8. What do you learn about God from this interaction with Abram? What promises does He make to Abram? How does this all relate to us today?

5) In what ways does questioning the character of God, revealed in the promises of God, result in fear and doubt? How have you seen this in your own life? What are some practical ways to combat this problem?

6) Read Genesis 15:1-6. Why does God tell Abram to “not be afraid”? What is going on in Abram’s heart and mind? How does God being El-Shaddai impact the situation for Abram?

7) Read Hebrews 11:1 in the Amplified Bible. What does this tell us about faith? How does faith combat fear? What implications does this have for you?

8) In what ways do you need to make a conscious choice to trade your fear for faith in El Shaddai - God Almighty revealed through Jesus Christ and the Gospel?

9) Pray through Psalm 91 as an individual and/or as an Impact Community.

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