

GENESIS

THE BEGINNING OF GOD'S RELENTLESS PLAN

Part 11: Cross My Heart

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Moments on the Faith Walk in Genesis 15

A moment of comfort

¹After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

A moment of objection

³And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

A moment of promise

⁵He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

A moment of faith

⁶Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

A moment of doubt

⁸But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?"

A moment of covenant

⁹So the LORD said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.

¹⁰Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. ¹¹Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

¹⁷When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land..."

A moment of new covenant

In the same way, after the supper he [Jesus] took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

- Luke 22:20

Next Steps

If you've been intrigued by the history in the Genesis series, consider being part of Grant's trip to Israel in 2018. You'll visit many of the places in the land that God promised to Abram, and walk where Jesus walked. Find out more at the information meeting this Sunday at 12:30 PM. More details are on today's program insert.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Are you planning on watching the eclipse? Why or why not?
- 2) What kind of objections do you find yourself raising with God? How does he respond to your objections?
- 3) What kind of "How can I know?" questions are you asking right now? Would you be willing to share one with the rest of the group?
- 4) Blood makes us uncomfortable. What part(s) of Abram's journey made you uncomfortable? Were you able to resolve that in your mind as Grant shared about the blood trail of Jesus?
- 5) Where do you see Jesus in this week's story? Have you seen him in other parts of our journey through Genesis? Where?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?