

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE AFRAID

Genesis 15

1. Listen

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)

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." (4)

2. Look

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." (5)

3. Believe

And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness. (6)

4. Obey

He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. (9-11)

5. Rest

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. (12a)

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites." (17-21)