



# LEAN IN

## Lean in— Genesis 15

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How can I trust God in the midst of the ups and downs of life? Listen in as we hear three reasons why in the strange account of God making a covenant with Abram.

For personal reflection/community discussion

**Read** – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

**Examine** – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

**Apply** - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- When life's roller coaster feels at its bumpiest, is it your tendency to lean *in* or *away* from God? Why is this?

- What merit was there in Abram to warrant God calling him? How might the answer encourage you to trust the Lord a) with life's difficulties? And b) with your failures?
- Can you see the Lord Jesus clearly in this story? As the presence of God moves between the carcasses, what is it that God is saying? How does this gruesome picture point us toward the cross of Jesus? Why is this good news for us? Allow this final answer to rise up as a prayer of thanksgiving.