

Open It!

How difficult is it for you to wait in line? Why?

Read It!

Genesis 15:1-21

Discover It!

Can you describe Abram's anxious thoughts in his period of waiting (v. 1-3)?

Why does Abram bring up his servant Eliezer? How does God respond?

Explain the significance of v. 6 and why it is so important to our faith in God.

What is Abram asking for in v. 8? How does God respond?

Who is the participant in the covenant ceremony? How does this illustrate God's commitment to Abram?

Live It!

What anxious thoughts do you experience when you are waiting on God?

What promises of God can give you assurance in the waiting?

By Faith: The Life of Abraham

*"How Does God Strengthen our Faith
in the Waiting?"*

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Sermon Question

How does God strengthen our faith in the waiting?

I. God strengthens our faith in the waiting by meeting us in our anxious thoughts.

"Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." – Gen. 15:1

II. God strengthens our faith in the waiting by allowing us to ask questions.

"But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" – Gen. 15:2

"But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" – Gen. 15:8

III. God strengthens our faith in the waiting by reminding us of the reward of faith.

"And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness." – Gen. 15:6

"So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith." – Gal. 3:9

IV. God strengthens our faith in the waiting by assuring us of His promises.

"... behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram..." – Gen. 15:17b-18a