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Abraham / Genesis 15:1–6; Genesis 14:18–24; Genesis 15:6–7; Romans 5:5–6

Gen 15:1-6 NASB After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great."

After these things, what things?

Faith is a journey and the word of God for your life will be tested.

What if he just would have waited?

God was trying teach us the same thing he was teaching Abram.

God can be God without your help.

Gen 14:18-24 NASB (18) And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. (19) He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; (20) And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." He gave him a tenth of all. (21) The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give the people to me and take the goods for yourself."

(22) Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have sworn to the LORD God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth, (23) that I will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours, for fear you would say, 'I have made Abram rich.' (24) "I will take nothing except what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their share."

Even when it seems like our life will be better to sin against God, we need to choose Jesus.

Gen 15:1 NASB **After these things** the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great."

Gen 15:4-5 NASB Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir." (5) And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

Gen 15:6-7 NASB Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

He Amened in Yahweh

righteousness was his reward

(7) And He said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it."

Some people get scattered, those who are faithful to God are on a journey to the promise.

Rom 5:5-6 NASB and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (6) For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Possible Questions to ask:

Where do you see yourself in the Abram journey?

What might have happened if Abram trusted God the first time in the promised land?

In what ways does our society want us to trust something other than God?