



THE FOOTSTEPS OF FAITH
A TRIED AND TRUE TRACK
GENESIS 15

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - February 18, 2024

1. Fight _____ (v. 1)

Genesis 15
15 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." 2 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?" 3 And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." 4 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." 5 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." 6 And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

2. Transfer _____ (vv. 2-7)

7 And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." 8 But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" 9 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." 10 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. 11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

3. Trust _____ (vv. 7-21)

12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. 13 Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. 14 But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15 As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. 16 And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." 17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 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, 19 the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, 20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, 21 the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites."

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Psalm 46:1-2.** What are some ways you may be tempted to fear? What will it look like for you to take refuge in God in the face of those worries?
2. **Read Hebrews 10:35-36.** What are some biblical answers to this question: how will Christians be rewarded for their faith? How does that motivate you to endure this week?
3. **Read Genesis 15:6.** Why is this verse so important in helping us to understand what Christianity is all about and how is it distinct from every other religious teaching in the world? What practical difference should the reality of this verse make in your life?
4. **Read Galatians 2:20.** Why is it so important to know that faith is not merely how we start the Christian life but also how we are to continue in the Christian life? In what ways do you want to increasingly walk by faith this week?
5. **Read Genesis 15:12-16.** How does God's intentional delay in fulfilling the promise to Abram and his descendants help you as you wait on the Lord in your own life?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Charlie cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Fabarez, Mike. "Ambitious Faith." Sermon series. Available at Focal Point Radio - focalpointministries.org

Gilbert, Greg. *What is the Gospel?* Crossway, 2010.

McManis, Cliff. *What the Bible Says About Israel.* With All Wisdom Publications, 2020.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that God would encourage our faith through Genesis 15.

Pray that people would respond to God in faith like Abram.

Pray for middle school Winter Weekend to bear much fruit in the students' homes.

Pray for God to provide for the completion of the new church building with SOS Ministries in Uganda.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
2/19	Leviticus 19-21	Mark 8
2/20	Leviticus 22-23	Mark 9
2/21	Leviticus 24-25	Mark 10
2/22	Leviticus 26-27	Mark 11
2/23	Numbers 1-2	Mark 12
2/24	Numbers 3-4	Mark 13