



Timeless Call #2: Abraham

September 14 & 15, 2024

Genesis 15:1-6

Opener:

When someone we love makes a promise, we expect them to keep it and there are few things more painful than the betrayal of trust. Think about a time in your life when someone failed to keep their promise to you. What was that like? Where was God when the betrayal happened?

Go Deeper:

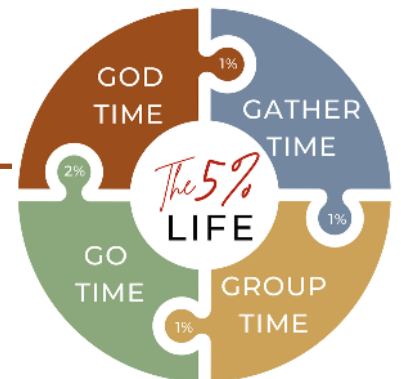
1. Read Genesis 12:1-7.
 - a) What did God tell Abram to do? Who was he to take with him?
 - b) What three things did the Lord promise He would give to Abram?
 - c) Did Abram follow the directions God gave him? If not, what did he do instead?
2. Read Genesis 15:1-6. Several years have passed since God first made promises to Abram. In verse 1 what does God promise Abram? In verse 2, what is Abram's main concern?
3. Read Genesis 15:6 again. What was credited to Abram as a result of his faith? Read Romans 10:17, how is it that Abram had faith that what God had said would happen?
4. Read Romans 4:18-25. In verse 19 what did Abram face? How was his faith strengthened in verses 20-21? Why were the words, "credited to him" written? (vs. 23-25)

Live It:

1. Think of a time God promised something to you. Did He give it to you instantly or did you have to wait? If you had to wait, how do you react when you had to wait for God to fulfill His promises to you?
2. Abram lived a nomadic life, dependent on the good will of his neighbors and the faith that God would provide for his needs. What about us? What do we trust God for?
3. We trust God for the most important things in life like the forgiveness of sins through Jesus and eternal life in heaven. However, sometimes our faith is tested and falls apart when we face life's challenges. In what area of life do you find it hardest to trust God?
4. Read Romans 8:31-32, then spend time in prayer talking to God about what you are facing and who you are facing life with.



GOD TIME:



Daily Bible Readings (September 15-21)

Sun:	Genesis 15:1-6	God's Promise to Abram
Mon:	Genesis 17:1-8	Abram's Name is Changed
Tues:	Genesis 18:1-15	A Son is Promised
Wed:	Genesis 21:1-7	The Birth of Isaac
Thurs:	Genesis 22:1-14	Abraham is Tested
Fri:	Genesis 27:1-17, 30-38	Isaac Blesses Jacob
Sat:	Genesis 35:9-15	Promise Passed to Jacob

*The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar.