



Trusting God Completely (Genesis 15)

Sunday, June 28, 2023 AVBC 10:30 am

I. TRUST GOD WITH YOUR _____ (v.1)

- God knows you _____

O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me... You chart the path ahead of me and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment you know where I am. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD. (Psalm 139:1,3,4)

- God _____ to you personally

O LORD, I have so many enemies; so many are against me. So many are saying, "God will never rescue him!" But you, O LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts my head high. (Psalm 3:1-3) (II Peter 1:19)

II. TRUST GOD WITH YOUR _____ (vs. 2-11)

"I gave up _____ to follow and obey the Lord...
...but I'm not sure it's worth it."

...Well, what about Abraham? We have been saying he was declared righteous by God because of his faith. But how did his faith help him? Was he declared righteous only after he had been circumcised, or was it before he was circumcised? The answer is that God accepted him first, and then he was circumcised later! The circumcision ceremony was a sign that Abraham already had faith and that God had already accepted him and declared him to be righteous—even before he was circumcised. So Abraham is the spiritual father of those who have faith but have not been circumcised. They are made right with God by faith. (Romans 4:9b-11)

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be. Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. (Rom. 4:19-21)

III. TRUST GOD WITH YOUR _____ (vs. 12-21)

- God is in _____ of your future
- God _____ you into your future

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(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: What do you think are the top three "outward" fears that people have? What do you think are the top three "internal" fears that people have...fears that are not as obvious or are rarely confessed out loud?

Q2: Has the Lord ever "spoken" to you in a timely and relevant way? If so, explain.

Q3: Study Psalm 3. What kinds of fears was David facing? What did he do in order to overcome his fears? Anything specific you can apply to your life?

Q4: Have you ever been "disappointed" with the Lord? If so, explain. What caused/accenuated the disappointment? How did you handle it?

Q5: Study Numbers 9:15-23. How did the Israelites respond to the cloud of God's leading? Has God ever led you in a "cloud-like" way? If so, share.

Q6: Do you think having the ability to see the future would be a blessing or a curse? How could it be positive? How about negative?

Q7: What is your greatest fear for yourself or your loved ones as you look ahead into the future? Take some time right now to talk to God about it...and recommit yourself to trusting God...completely!