

**Focus Verse**

*“Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.” – Genesis 15:6*

**FIRST DAY: Read the notes and the references.**

1. Use this space to record how you have seen God’s activity during the week. (How has He provided, answered, comforted, reconciled, guided, etc.?)
2. What from the week’s Bible verses, lecture, notes or discussion has helped you in daily circumstances?

**SECOND DAY: Read Genesis 15:1-6.**

*God reaffirmed his promise to give Abram descendants.*

3. What do you know about shields and rewards that helps you understand God’s promises in 15:1?
4. How did God’s promise to be Abram’s shield and great reward address Abram’s fears?
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  - a. What did Abram believe in 15:6?
  - b. What was the connection between belief and righteousness for Abram? What about today? (Use any Scripture references.)
6. How does God’s interaction with Abram encourage, comfort or challenge you?

**THIRD DAY: Read Genesis 15:7-21.**

*God confirmed His promises with a covenant. Note: Genesis 15:9-10, 17 describe the ceremonial rites that sealed a covenant.*

7. What truths about God’s character and Abram’s faith are revealed?
8. List prophetic promises in 15:13-16 and say how each was fulfilled. (Use Genesis 25:7-8; Exodus 6:11; 12:31-40; and any other references.)
9. How do you reconcile God’s affirmation of Abram’s belief (15:6) with Abram’s continued questions?

10. What means does God use to reassure His people of His promises today? (See 2 Corinthians 1:22; 5:5; Ephesians 1:13-14; and other Scriptures for your answers.)

**FOURTH DAY: Read Genesis 16:1-6.**

*Abram and Sarai sinned and conceived a child through Hagar. Note: Society in Abram's time accepted polygamy, but God ordains marriage for one man and one woman. Therefore, polygamy is outside of God's will and is sin. (See Genesis 2:24.)*

11. a. How did Sarai and Abram show some faith and some unbelief in God's promise of Genesis 15:4-5?
- b. What do you learn about the relationship between what we believe and how we behave?
12. a. What sins did Abram and Sarai commit in these verses? (Share Scripture references to support your answers.)
- b. What were the immediate and long-term results of trying to gain something good through sin? (See also Genesis 12:10-20.)
13. What have you learned in this passage or by personal experience about waiting for God to fulfill His promises in His perfect way and time?

**FIFTH DAY: Read Genesis 16:7-16.**

*The angel of the Lord affirmed blessings for Hagar and Ishmael.*

14. Describe Hagar's natural expectations for remaining in Sarai's charge or for running away.
15. a. What promises did the angel of the Lord make to Hagar, and who did she believe the angel of the Lord to be?
- b. What do you learn about God through His care for Hagar and Ishmael?
16. How has God provided unimaginable good to you through a seemingly impossible situation?

**SIXTH DAY: Review Genesis 15-16.**

17. What have you learned about how God provides for His people that encourages your faith?
18. Homiletics for group and administrative leaders: Genesis 15-16

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