



Genesis 15:1-5 : God's Uncountable Promise

We are dropping into an ancient narrative having not really seen what has been going on up to this point. However, if I were to summarise it as 'one of God's people doubting God will really keep His promise to grow His people', in what ways does that overlap with your experience?

The Problem (v1-3)

- How do these verses help us see the problem Abram was facing?
- Can you empathise with his plight?

The Promise (v4-5)

- What does God promise Abram in verse 4? (Optional extra: how is this an expansion on what God has said so far)
- How is verse 5 an encouragement to Abram? And to us?
- How can we see verse 5 coming true throughout Scripture and history? And in the world today?

- How does it point us to the future?

The Promise (v4-5)

- How does Abram respond to God's promise?
- How is this a model for us today?
- What might it look like to let these verses shape us more this week?

Thoughts for Junior Church

Genesis 15:1-5 : *God is committed to his people*

Genesis 15:1-3

- God spoke to Abram to assure him that his promises would still be kept. What was Abram's response to this?
- Abram believed God would keep his promise but couldn't see how God would do this since he was now an old man. Talk about the fact that it is ok to bring our questions and concerns to God. He is gracious and kind in dealing with us.

Genesis 15:4-5

- What did God do in response to Abram's question?
- God took him outside and showed him the stars. Talk about how a picture or illustration can be so much more powerful than just words. (Describe a scene to them, then show them a picture – which method is more effective in showing what the scene is like?) Explain that the promise hadn't changed, God was just helping Abram to keep trusting the promise by showing him a picture of lots of children.

So what? The God who made that unbreakable promise to Abram, is the same God today. God offers the same relationship to you. He offers to be

your God and commit himself to you. If He is already your God, then trust him to keep his promises. (Talk through some promises God has made). If not, then don't you want to get to know a God like this!