

FOR WHEN IT'S JUST NOT HAPPENING

Genesis 15

There is a promise for every _____ (v.1)

Promises Paraphrased:

The Promise of _____

I am a shield to you (v.1)

Don't worry you _____ **God**

Your reward shall be very great (v.1)

(vs.2-3) Abraham thinks his situation is _____

The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. Gen 12:7

Through Prayer Abraham takes his _____

But Abram replied, "O Sovereign LORD, what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son?" Gen 15:2

Abraham discovers a _____ **(v.4-5)**

God's Promises are always in _____

(v.6)

Like Abraham, God brings us all to the place where we have to decide:

Abram believed the LORD and he credited it to him as righteousness. Gen 15:6 (Rom.4:3, Gal. 3:6, James 2:23)

Consider Abraham: "He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness. 7 Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. 8 The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham." Gal 3:6-8

(v.8) Fulfilling the Promise is going to involve a

That you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises (Heb.6:12)

Wait for the LORD; Be strong, and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD (Psa. 27:14)

The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the person who seeks Him. (Lam 3:25)

How Long? Probably Not as long as _____

But Probably longer than _____

Why the wait?

1. **It's Not Procrastination but _____**
2. **To teach us that God Specializes in _____**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, Gen 17:1-2

So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?" Gen 18:12

"Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son." Gen 18:14

(v.12) Abraham's Part _____

Promises:

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Rom 8:28

... my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:19

Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. Ps 55:22

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jer 29:11-12