Text: Genesis 15:1-21

Topics: Faith, God's Promises

Series: Genesis: The Beginning of His-tory

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## God's Promises...

## I. A Response to God's Promise (1-6)

God rewards belief in His promises.

## II. A Request for Confirmation (7-11)

A request for a sign may result in <u>need</u> for <u>more faith!</u>

## III. A Revealing Confirmation (12-21)

God's confirmed promises in the past, give us <u>reason</u> to <u>trust</u> His promises for <u>today</u>.

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

- 1. Can you think of good, and bad, examples of when you, or someone else, believed God promised something and acted on it? What happened?
- 2. Read Genesis 15:1-6. What does God tell Abram He will do for him?

What did God do at that time, and why?

Explain verse 6. See also Romans 4:2-5 and Galatians 3:5-7.

How would you describe your trust in God's promises?

3. What does God promise Abram in Genesis 15:7-11? How does Abram respond?

Why would God tell Abram to do what He tells him to do, and not just give Abram another form of assurance?

Have you ever felt like your request to God for confirmation resulted in the need for another step of faith? Explain.

- 4. Read Genesis 15:12-16. What good and what bad does Abram see and hear in his dream? How did it affect him?
- 5. Read Genesis 15:17-21. What was the covenant God made with Abram and what was significant in how God did it?
- 6. God made a covenant to give eternal life to all who would, by faith, receive Christ and His substitutionary sacrifice on the cross for their sin. How did God confirm His covenant? (See Romans 1:4; Acts 17:31; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 12-17)

What helps you keep your trust in Christ at the forefront of your life?