

**OT Narratives Bible Study Series**  
**Genesis 12-15 & 17 - Abraham & the life of faith**

**For Discussion:**

Are there areas in your life that you're having a hard time trusting God with? Why do you think that might be?

**Read Genesis 11:27-12:9 & 13:12-18**

-Who was Abram (see also Joshua 24:1-3)? What did God call Abram to do, and what did God promise him? What was Abram's response?

**Read Genesis 15:1-21; 17:1-14**

-Why might Abram have had reason to question God's promises to him? How did God reassure him?

-How did Abram respond (15:6), and why is this significant? (consider also Romans 4:1-5, 18-22)

-In what ways has God fulfilled His promises to Abraham?

-Exodus 2:23-25; 3:15-17; 12:40-41

-Nehemiah 9:6-8, 22-25

-1 Kings 4:20-21

-Galatians 3:16

-Romans 4:1-5, 9-25; with Galatians 3:6-9

-Romans 11:25-29

-What does Abraham's example teach us about the life of faith? (you might also consider Hebrews 11:8-16)

### **For further reflection**

Hebrews 11:6 teaches us that without faith, it is impossible to please God. Abram's faith in God was the basis of his acceptance as righteous in God's sight (15:6), and the basis of the intimate fellowship he enjoyed with God. And although he grappled with understanding how God's promises would be worked out through him, 'No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what He had promised.' (Rom 4:20-21). As a result, he continued to know God's presence, comfort and affirmation in his life, even as he waited for fulfillment of the things promised.

Spend some time reflecting on what it means to live by faith in your daily life. Are you trusting fully in God, fully persuaded that He will do all that He has promised? Are there promises that you're having a hard time trusting Him to keep? Commit your uncertainties, fears and anxieties in these areas to Him in prayer, and learn to place your trust fully in Him.

### **Additional Resources**

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- Genesis Bible study series: [http://www.cgygfellowship.com/BBS\\_Genesis.shtml](http://www.cgygfellowship.com/BBS_Genesis.shtml)
- OT Daily Devotional series

CGC website: OT Survey and Genesis adult Christian education materials: <http://www.cgctorenglish.chinesegospelchurch.ca> (Resources section)