

A cosmic background featuring a view of Earth from space, with the Moon in the upper center. The scene is filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy, set against a deep blue and purple color palette.

THE BOOK OF
GENESIS

WHERE IS GOD WHEN NIGHTMARES COME?

GENESIS 15:1-5

We must remember in our darkest nights God is right there with us, upholding *His end of His promises!*

- It is not an easy thing to experience fear and doubt, but it is sometimes necessary to experience the horror of the unknown.
- Here we find Abram had some very human responses to great concerns, even as a man of faith.

ABRAM WAS HUMAN

Many Christians are prone to overemphasize the spirit, mind, and will, and minimize the emotions; but this is an error that can lead to an unbalanced life.

- We are made in the image of God, including our emotions—joy, sorrow, holy anger, and love.
- God gave you the capacity to feel; just don't let those feelings run amuck with your faith.
- The faith that conquers fear is faith in the promises of God's Word, not faith in feelings.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Our capacity for intelligible, abstract, precise, symbolic language—both written and spoken—is unique in the world of living creatures.

- Since man was created for fellowship with God, it is essential that the Creator somehow speak to man.
- *“You have magnified Your word above all Your name.”* **Psalm 138:2**
- Remarkable first-time words in **Verse 1:** “word,” “vision,” “shield,” and “reward.” “I AM.”

ABRAM HEARD: FEAR NOT

The “fear not” promises in **Isaiah** are good to read and ponder when you find yourself dealing with fear.

Isaiah 41:10, 13-14; 43:1, 5; 44:2, 8

- God’s “I AM” is perfectly adequate for man’s “I am not.”
- Your life is only as big as your faith, and your faith is only as big as your God.
- Almighty God is the only One who can truly offer you protection and provision, and keep His promises.

ASKING GOD TOUGH QUESTIONS

God had promised Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the dust of the earth (**Gen. 13:16**), and that they would bring blessing to the whole world (**Gen. 12:1-3**). *Hey, God, we have no kids; God, what's up?*

- One of the basic lessons in “The school of faith” is: **God's will** must be fulfilled in **God's way**, in **God's time**.
- Abraham had been looking around, trying to solve his problem; but the answer lay in looking up.

IT BOILS DOWN TO BELIEVING GOD

Promises do us no good unless we believe them and act on them.

- There are only five words in the original Hebrew of **Genesis 15:6**, but what a wealth of meaning they contain.
- The verse is quoted three times in the New Testament: **Gal. 3:6; Rom. 4:3; James 2:23.**
- Three key words: *believe, counted, righteousness.*

THE GOSPEL IN FIVE WORDS

Abraham believed **God**, which is literally, “Abraham said, ‘Amen, God!’”

- The Hebrew word translated “**believed**” means “to lean your whole weight upon.”
- On the cross was where our sins were put on Jesus’ account, “**counted** with the transgressors.” **Isa. 53:12**
- When you trust Christ, His **righteousness** is put on your account. **2 Cor. 5:21**
- It takes three N.T. chapters to unfold one O.T. verse!