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UNWAVERING PURPOSE

...the *FAITH* journey of Abraham

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Genesis 15:1-6 ESV

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BACKGROUND

“before these things....”

*Genesis 11 & 12,
Genesis 13 & 14...*

Genesis 15:1a ESV

“After these things...”



Genesis 13:8-9 ESV

*Abram said to Lot, “Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen. Is not the whole land before you? **Separate** yourself from me. “**If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left.**”*



Genesis 13:14-16 ESV

*The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, “**Lift up your eyes and look** from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, **for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever.** **I will make** your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted.*

Genesis 14:11-12 ESV

*11 So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. 12 **They also took Lot**, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, **and his possessions**, and went their way.*

Genesis 14:13-15 ESV

¹³ *Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram.*

¹⁴ ***When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.***



Genesis 14:13-15 ESV

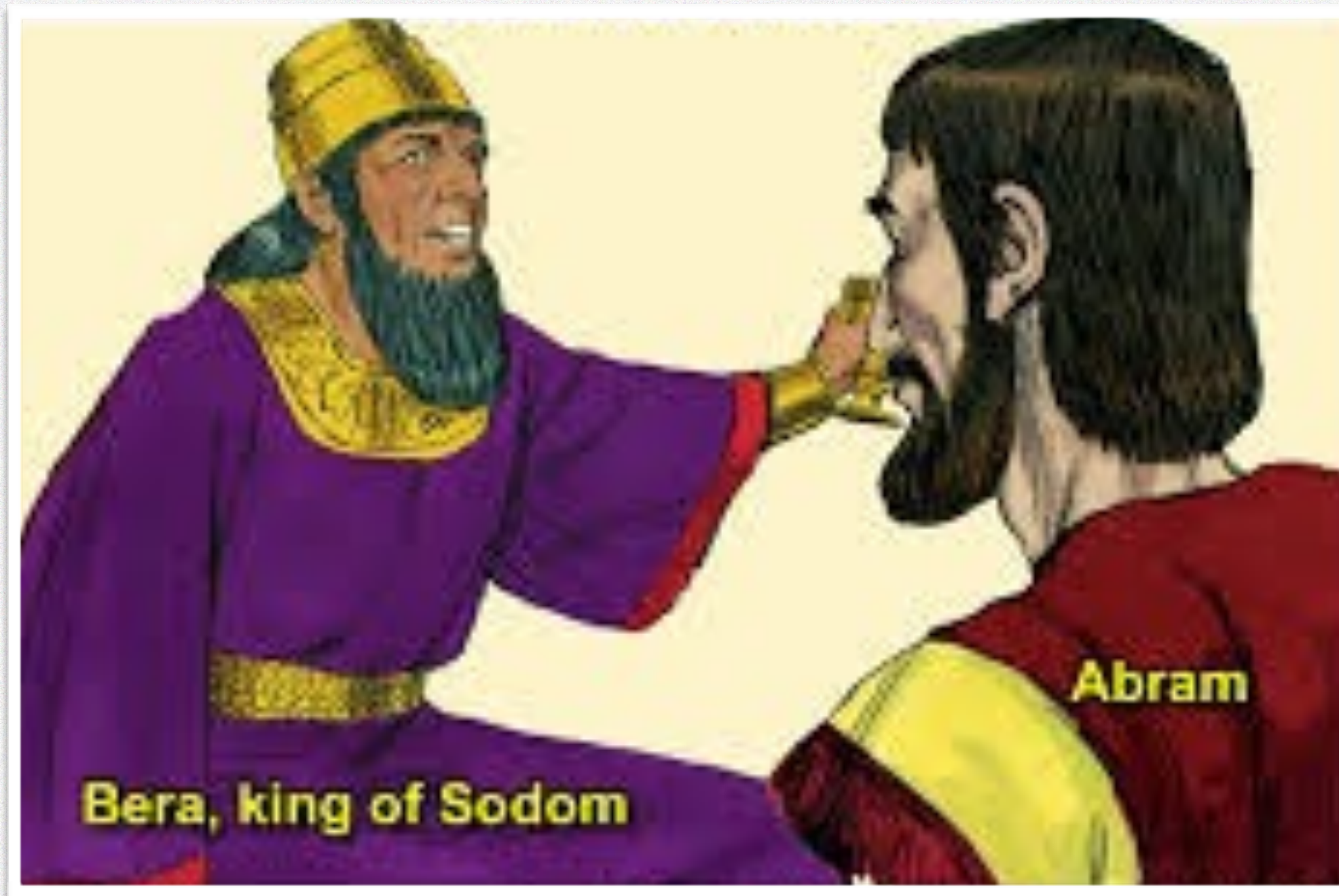
*And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and **defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus.** **Then he brought back all** the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.*



Genesis 14:18-24 ESV

18 And **Melchizedek king of Salem** brought out bread and wine. **(He was priest of God Most High.)** 19 And he blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!” And Abram gave him **a tenth of everything.**





Genesis 14:21-23 ESV

21 And the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself.”

22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have lifted my hand to the Lord, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth,

23 that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich.’

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WHAT'S GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAM?

GENESIS 15:1

1. FEAR NOT

2. I AM YOUR SHIELD

3. YOUR REWARD SHALL BE VERY GREAT

**1. FEAR NOT =
DO NOT BE AFRAID**

Psalm 34:4 ESV

“I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.”

Psalm 56:3 ESV

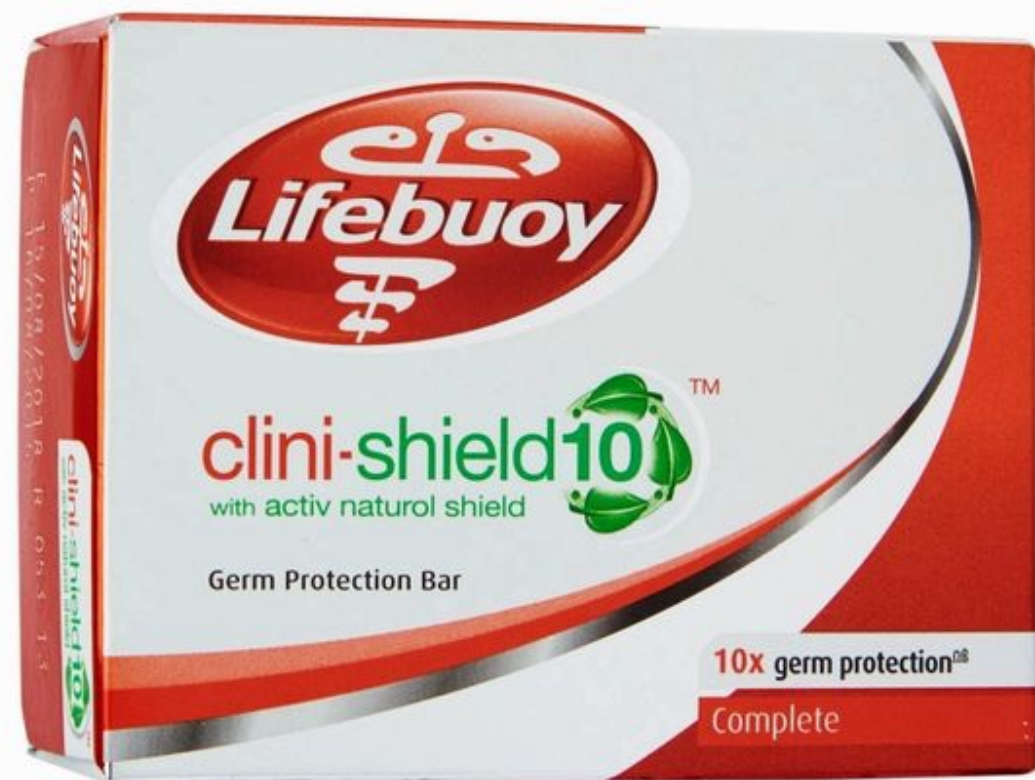
“When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.”

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WHEN I'M
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**2. I AM YOUR SHIELD =
I WILL PROTECT YOU**



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Ephesians 6:16 ESV

*“In all circumstances **take up the shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;”*

Psalm 28:7a ESV

*“The Lord is my strength and **my shield**; in him **my heart trusts**, and I am **helped**;”*

**3. YOUR REWARD SHALL
BE VERY GREAT =
I WILL BLESS YOU**

Genesis 15:2-3 ESV

2 But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.”

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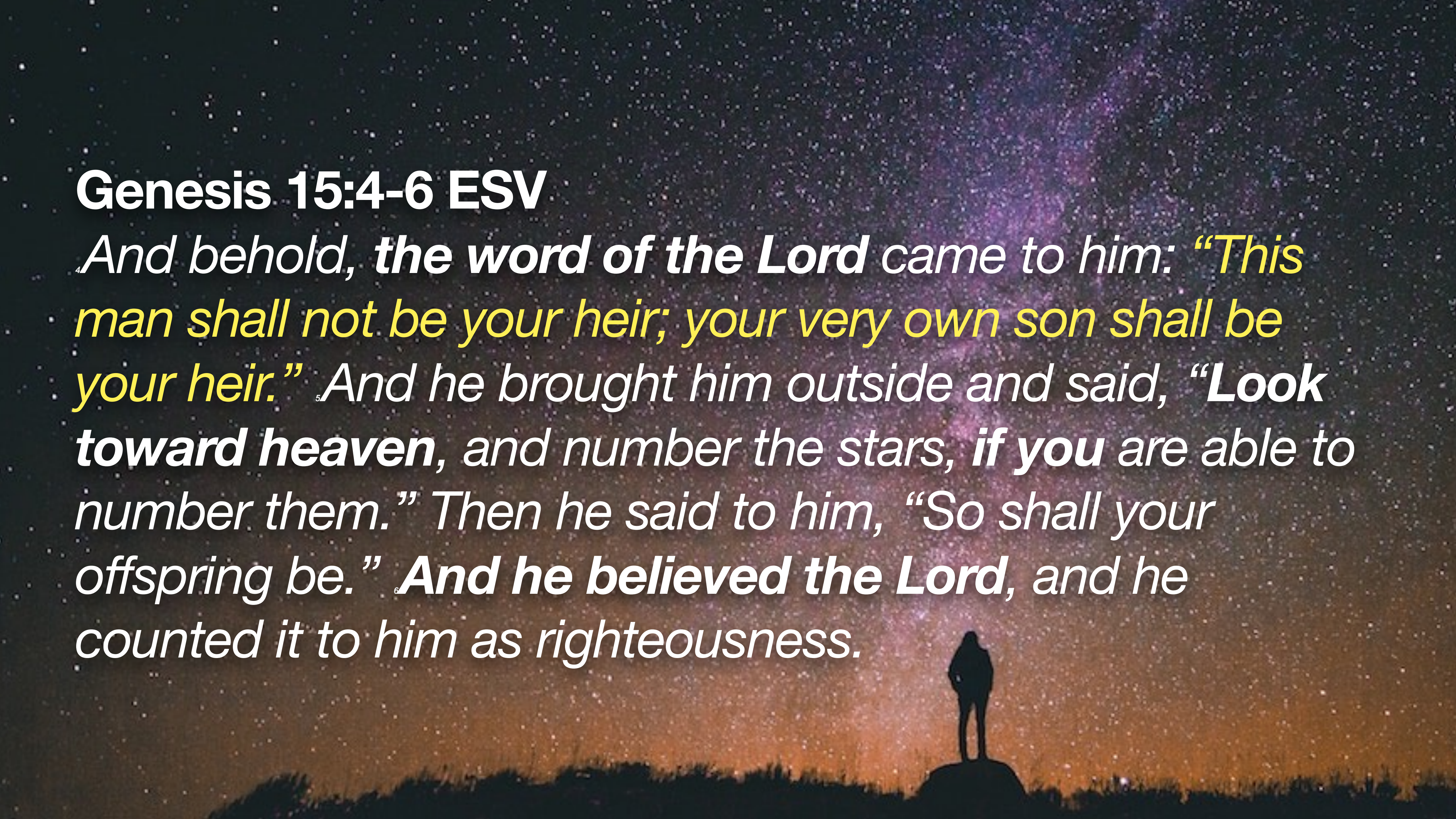
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FATHER**

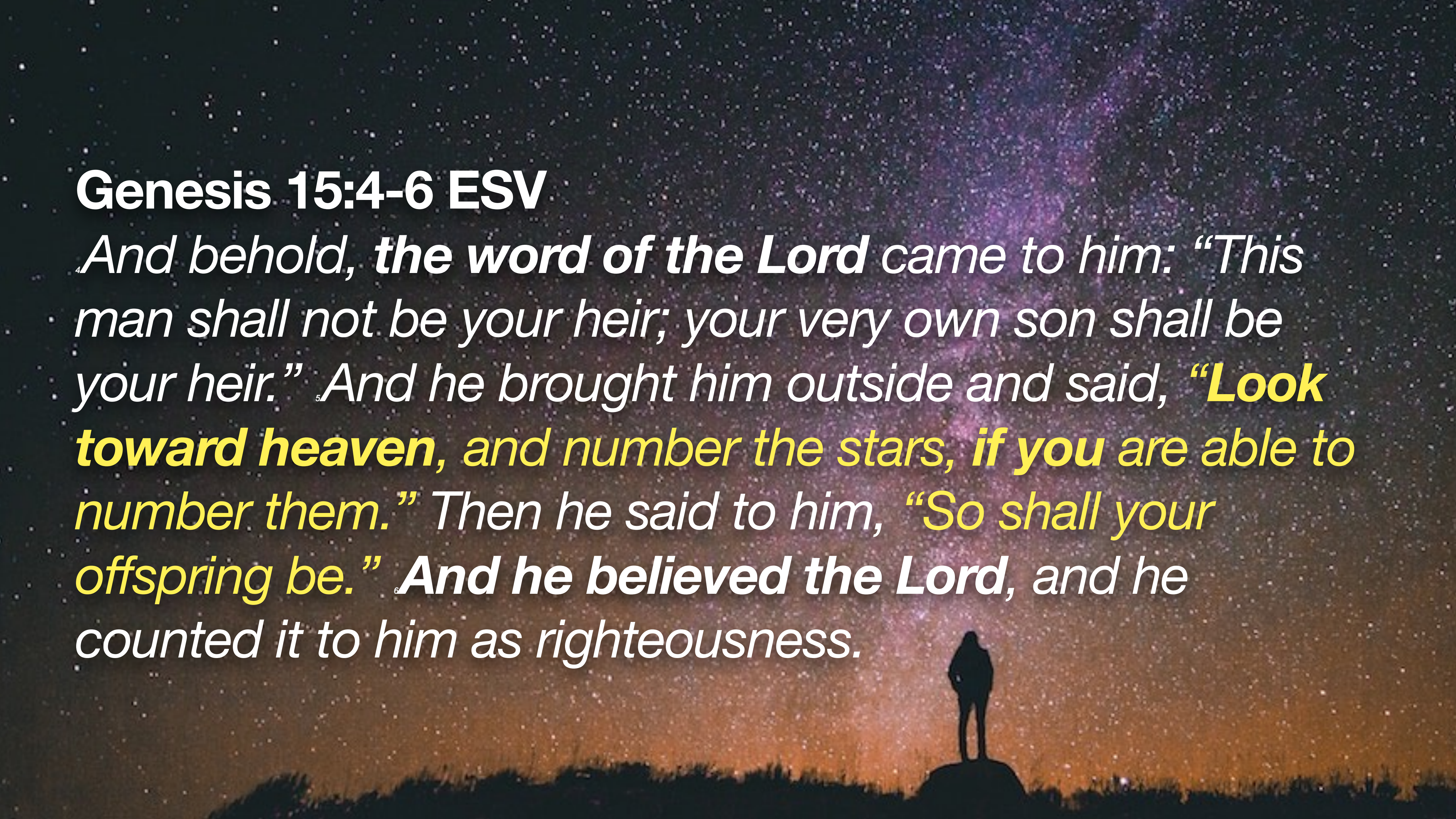
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Genesis 15:7 ESV
*And He said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you out from **Ur of the Chaldeans** to give you this land to possess.”*



Genesis 15:8 ESV
But he (Abram)
said, “O Lord
God, **HOW AM I
TO KNOW** that I
shall possess it?”



COVENANT

Genesis 15:9-11 ESV

9 He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” *10 And he brought him all these, **cut them in half**, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half.* *11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.*

12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram.

WHAT IS A COVENANT?

- *In Hebrew = “Berith”*
= to **cut** a covenant
or to *bind*



Genesis 15:17-21 ESV

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, **behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch** passed between these pieces. ¹⁸**On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram**, saying, “To your offspring **I give this land**, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, ¹⁹the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, ²⁰the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, ²¹the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”

A white lamb with pink ears stands in a lush green field. The lamb is looking directly at the camera. The background is a soft-focus green landscape.

IF WE ARE
FAITHLESS,
HE REMAINS
FAITHFUL.

2 TIMOTHY 2 : 13

**WHAT DOES
GOD'S
UNWAVERING
COVENANT
MEAN?**



COVENANT

1. GOD BINDS HIMSELF TO HIS WORDS



Hebrews 6:17-20 NLT

¹⁷ *God also bound himself with an oath*, so that those who received the promise could be *perfectly sure that he would never change his mind*. ¹⁸ So God has **given both his promise and his oath**. *These two things are unchangeable* because it is impossible for God to lie.

Hebrews 6:17-20 NLT

*Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have **great confidence** as we hold to the hope that lies before us. ¹⁹ **This hope is a strong and trustworthy** anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary. ²⁰ **Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our eternal High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.***

2. GOD BINDS HIMSELF TO HIS PURPOSE



3. GOD BINDS HIMSELF TO HIS PEOPLE



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REFLECTION :

So now you have known that God's covenant is unwavering, HOW does this help you grow deeper everyday and telling of HIS promises to others?



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