

Abram Believed the Lord

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Genesis 15:1-21 • January 13, 2019

Faith is lived out in the time between the promise _____
and the promise _____.

How can we have confidence in God's promises?

Promise #1: Offspring

¹ After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."
² But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir." ⁴ Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." ⁵ He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶ Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

God's promises are _____ through
our _____.

Promise #2: Land

⁷ He also said to him, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it."
⁸ But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?" ⁹ So the Lord said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. ¹¹ Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. ¹³ Then the Lord said to him, "Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. ¹⁴ But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. ¹⁵ You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶ In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure." ¹⁷ When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—¹⁹ the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, ²⁰ Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, ²¹ Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites."

God's promises are _____ through
God's _____.

This Week

Sunday, January 13, 2019

8 a.m.	Worship Service	Worship Center
9:25 a.m.	Worship Service	Worship Center
	LIFEkids Ministries	Rooms 101-111
	4 th , 5 th & 6 th Grade Group	Lower Garage
	Exit83 Jr. High & High School Youth Group	The Garage
	Focus Group	Belleview House
	Faith Still Matters	Belleview House
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service	Worship Center
	LIFEkids Ministries	Rooms 101-111
	4 th , 5 th & 6 th Grade Group	Lower Garage
12:25 p.m.	Baptism	Outside Patio

Monday, January 14

10 a.m.	Monday Mornings with Marnie	Belleview House
7 p.m.	Heart to Heart	Mont Vista 1

Tuesday, January 15

8 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Office Closed	
9 a.m.	Flourish Women's Group	Belleview House

Wednesday, January 16

6:30 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Men's Group	Molly's Souper
6:30 p.m.	Beloved	Belleview House
7 p.m.	Exit83 Jr. High & High School Youth Group	The Garage
	Women at the Well	Room 104
	Wednesday Night Men's Study	Room 102

Thursday, January 17

6:30 a.m.	Thursday Morning Men's Group	Chick-fil-A
9 a.m.	God's Design for Women	The Garage
7 p.m.	College/Post College Group	Garcia's Home
	Handmade Treasures from the Heart	Room 104-105
	Griefshare	Room 103
	Thursday Night Men's Group	Belleview House

Friday, January 18

7 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery	The Garage
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Interested in joining one of these groups? Sign up online at lbfnextsteps.church and a group leader will contact you.

Pray

1. Pray for God's ongoing work of assurance and empowering in the lives of those being baptized today.
2. Pray for God to open your eyes to risky and life-giving steps of faith that he is calling you to take.

Giving Update

Fiscal Year July 2018-June 2019 **Total Budget: \$2,459,200**

	Budget Goal	Giving Received	Over/Under
November	\$185,185	\$182,289	(\$2,896)
December	\$334,401	\$391,141	\$56,740
Fiscal YTD	\$1,269,514	\$1,371,978	\$102,464

Debt Reduction Fund

	Giving Received
November	\$4,452
December	\$13,785
Fiscal YTD	\$40,779

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- LBF Church App (tap "give")
- Text "GIVE" to (909) 891-0115
- Offering boxes located at each exit