



CONNECTION QUESTION

If you would have won the Powerball (not that we are advocating the lottery!), what would you do with the money?

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

> Read Genesis 15:1; Deuteronomy 33:29; Psalm 27:1-4; Psalm 56:1-4.

- What do you think Abram was afraid of? What are some of the fears that you face?
- How does a God-ward focus encourage us in the face of fear? What does the psalmist encourage us to do to overcome our fear?
- Identify one step that you can take this week to overcome your fear and see God as your “shield” and “stronghold.”

> Read Genesis 15:2-5; 15:12-16.

- Have you ever doubted God and his plan? How do we doubt God’s plan in our day-to-day life? Is it wrong to doubt? Is it wrong to ask questions of God?
- How does God’s description of Abram’s descendants answer his questions? What does it reveal to us about God’s plan?
- God’s will is fulfilled in God’s way and time. Why is this sometimes difficult for us?



> Read Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:1-5; 4:20-25; Galatians 3:1-6; James 2:18-24.

- What is “righteousness”? Who comes to mind when you think of “righteous”? What makes them “righteous”? How does a person become righteous?
- According to the Bible, what does it mean to “believe God”? How is this different from our culture’s definition?
- In Galatians, Paul writes to Christians who thought that their spiritual growth depended on works *in addition to* Spirit-led belief. This temptation exists today too. What are some “works” that you look to for righteousness?
- How is the belief of demons different than the beliefs of the Christian? How does belief transform us to bear fruit?

DIGGING DEEPER

Describe the ritual taking place in Genesis 15:9-11, 17-21. What is a covenant? Is this covenant conditional or unconditional?

Read Galatians 3:13. What is the radical good news of this covenant ceremony?

NEXT STEPS

How can you expand your overcome your doubt and strengthen your belief in God in the next week?