

Walk of Faith

The Life of Abraham



Punchline

The wait doesn't weaken the promise, it reveals the Promiser



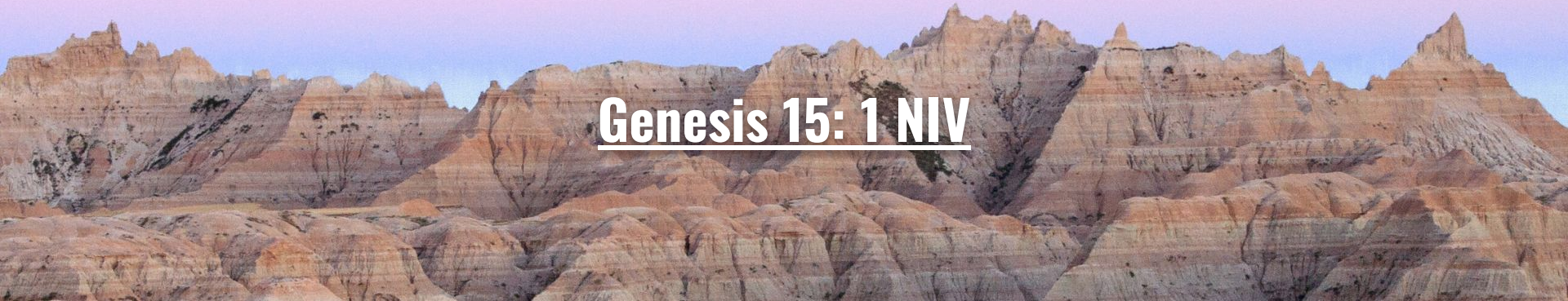
Recap

- ❖ **Abram walked in faith in obedience**
- ❖ **Abram walked in faith in the midst of fear**
- ❖ **Abram walked in faith in the midst of conflict**



**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**

Genesis 15: 1 NIV



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?”

Genesis 15: 2 NIV

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And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

Genesis 15: 3 NIV

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**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.”**

Genesis 15: 4 NIV

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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.”

Genesis 15: 5 NIV

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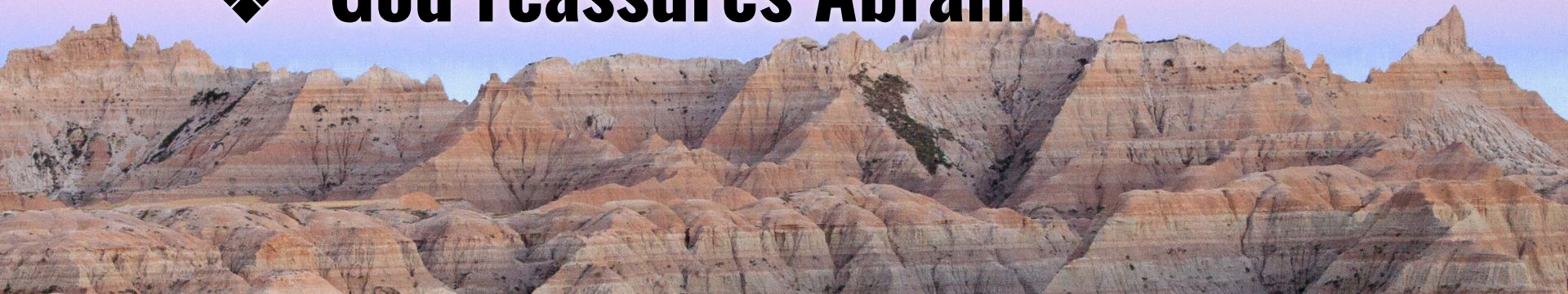
**Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it
to him as righteousness.**

Genesis 15: 6 NIV

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Abram's Disappointment

- ❖ **1st time we hear Abram speak to God**
- ❖ **Abram has no children**
- ❖ **Abram tries to solve the problem himself**
- ❖ **God reassures Abram**





Waiting In Disappointment

- ❖ **We will be disappointed in a situation**
- ❖ **Bring disappointment to God, but don't cast it on Him**
- ❖ **Listen for God's reassurance**



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MUCH
BIGGER



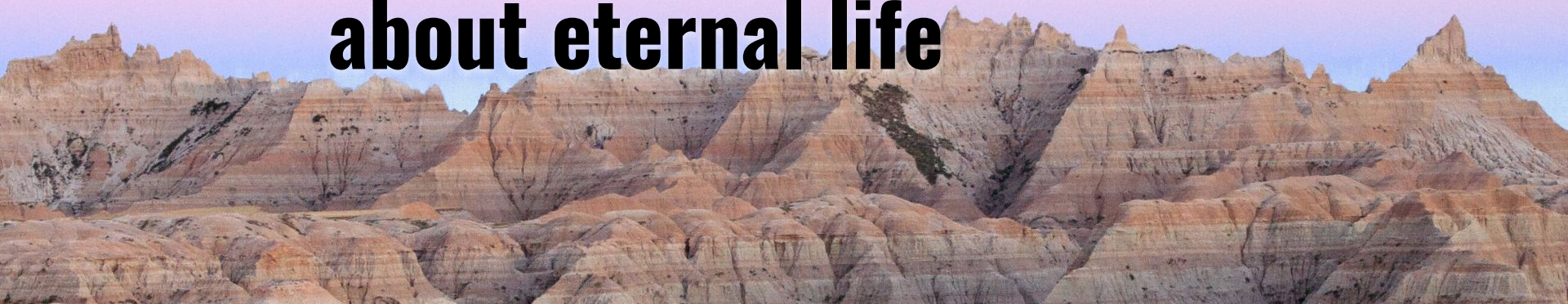
Wait With The Promise

- ❖ **Salvation - eternity with God**
- ❖ **Keep the size and scale of that promise in perspective**



Wait With The Promise

- ❖ **We are justified by faith**
 - **We are made right with God**
- ❖ **As we wonder and worry about life we never have to wonder or worry about eternal life**



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.”

Genesis 15: 7 NIV

A landscape of rugged, layered rock formations, likely a desert or canyon area, under a sky with a pink and blue gradient. The rock formations are composed of various shades of brown, tan, and grey, showing distinct horizontal strata. The sky transitions from a soft pink at the top to a pale blue at the bottom.

But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”

Genesis 15: 8 NIV

A landscape of rugged, layered rock formations, likely a desert canyon, under a soft, pink and blue sky. The rock formations are composed of distinct horizontal layers, suggesting sedimentary or volcanic activity. The sky transitions from a pale blue at the horizon to a soft pink and purple hue at the top.

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.”

Genesis 15: 9 NIV

A landscape of rugged, layered rock formations, likely a canyon or badlands, under a soft, pink and blue sky. The rock is a mix of tan, brown, and grey, showing distinct horizontal strata. The sky transitions from a pale blue at the top to a soft pink near the horizon.

**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**

Genesis 15: 10 NIV

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Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

Genesis 15: 11 NIV

A landscape of rugged, layered rock formations, likely a desert canyon, under a sky with a gradient of pink and blue. The rock formations are composed of distinct horizontal layers, suggesting sedimentary or volcanic activity. The sky transitions from a soft pink at the top to a pale blue near the horizon. The overall scene is desolate and dramatic.

As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.

Genesis 15: 12 NIV

A landscape of rugged, layered rock formations, likely a desert canyon, under a sunset sky. The sky transitions from a pale blue at the top to a soft pink and orange near the horizon. The rock formations are composed of distinct horizontal layers, with some peaks and ridges. The overall scene is serene and atmospheric.

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

Genesis 15: 13 NIV

A landscape of rugged, layered rock formations, likely a desert or canyon, under a clear sky. The rock is light brown and tan, showing distinct horizontal strata. The formations are jagged and rocky, with some sparse, dry vegetation. The sky is a pale blue, suggesting a clear day.

But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.

Genesis 15: 14 NIV

A landscape of rugged, layered rock formations, likely a desert canyon, under a soft, pink and blue sky. The rock formations are composed of distinct horizontal layers, suggesting sedimentary or volcanic origins. The sky transitions from a pale blue at the top to a soft pink near the horizon. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age.

Genesis 15: 15 NIV

A landscape of rugged, layered rock formations, likely a canyon or badlands, under a soft, pinkish-purple sky. The rock formations are composed of distinct horizontal layers, suggesting sedimentary or volcanic origins. The sky is a gradient of light pink and purple, indicating a sunrise or sunset. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

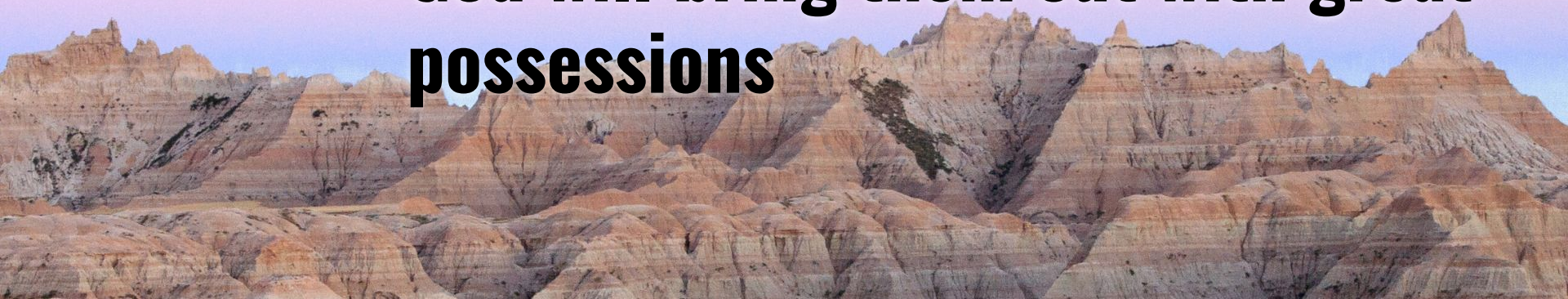
In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

Genesis 15: 16 NIV



Promise For the Future

- ❖ **Abram will take possession of land**
- ❖ **God makes an agreement with Abram**
 - **400 years Abram's descendants will be enslaved**
 - **God will bring them out with great possessions**



When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces.

Genesis 15: 17 NIV

A landscape of rugged, layered rock formations, likely a desert canyon, under a twilight sky. The sky transitions from a pale blue at the top to a soft pink and purple near the horizon. The rock formations are composed of various shades of brown, tan, and grey, with distinct horizontal layers. The overall scene is serene and atmospheric.

**On that day the Lord made a covenant with
Abram and said, “To your descendants I
give this land, from the Wadi[e] of Egypt to
the great river, the Euphrates**

Genesis 15: 18 NIV

A landscape of rugged, layered rock formations, likely a desert canyon or badlands, under a soft, pink and blue sky. The rock is a mix of tan, brown, and grey, showing distinct horizontal strata. The sky transitions from a pale blue at the top to a soft pink near the horizon.

**the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites,
Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites,
Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and
Jebusites.”**

Genesis 15: 19-21 NIV

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Covenant Confirmed

- ❖ **The firepot passes through**
 - **This is God passing through confirming His covenant with Abram**



“UHHHHHHH”

Wait in God's Presence

- ❖ Use the spiritual disciplines
- ❖ Not difficult but takes desire



Wait in God's Presence

- ❖ **Is there a spiritual discipline that you used to practice regularly but has fallen by the wayside that it's time to restore?**
- ❖ **Is there a spiritual discipline you've never practiced that it's time to try?"**



Wait in God's Presence

- ❖ **Let the waiting lead the way you live**
- ❖ **Let patience and kindness be shown in your life**



Promise Comes With Process

- ❖ **Spiritual growth is not a quick fix**
- ❖ **You'll mess up and have a set back**
- ❖ **End result is in heaven not on earth**
- ❖ **God loves you in the process**



Wait In Faith

- ❖ **In the disappointment**
- ❖ **With the promise**
- ❖ **In the presence of God**
- ❖ **In the process**

