

# Fill Up On Faith

## Genesis 15

How to fill up on faith when you are running on empty

### 1. Recognize the facts of your current situation

*But Abram replied, "O Sovereign Lord, what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son? Since you've given me no children, Eliezer of Damascus, a servant in my household, will inherit all my wealth. You have given me no descendants of my own, so one of my servants will be my heir." Genesis 15:2-3 NLT*

**DISCUSSION:** What isn't God doing that is having a negative affect on my faith?

I want God to \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCUSSION:** In what way are you living your life on cruise control? Are you looking honestly at the facts surrounding your life?

### 2. Rely on God's promises

*Then the Lord said to him, "No, your servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of your own who will be your heir." Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!" And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith. Genesis 15:4-6 NLT*

*When hope was dead within him, Abraham went on hoping in faith...He relied on the word of God.... Romans 4:18 PH*

I can trust God that he will do what he says.

**DISCUSSION:** In what ways are you putting your trust in some type of physical reward, some sort of tangible benefit, in that you expect to receive from following God? In what way do you measure God's faithfulness?

**DISCUSSION:** What do you think it means to seek God's face? What roadblocks keep you from seeking God's face and not just His rewards? What would your life look like if you were able to truly accept the presence of God as being all you need?

### 3. Remember what God has done in your past

*Then the LORD told him, "I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as your possession." Genesis 15:7 NLT*

What has God already done for me?

- a. Salvation?
- b. Answer to prayer?
- c. Miracle?

**DISCUSSION:** When was the last time you reviewed what God has done for you in the past? Looking back now, how has God been faithful to you?

#### **4. Respond to God's instructions**

*But Abram replied, "O Sovereign LORD, how can I be sure that I will actually possess it?" The LORD told him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." So Abram presented all these to him.... Genesis 15:8-10 NLT*

**DISCUSSION:** What personal sacrifice are you making right now in response to God? What faithful sacrifice could God be asking of you in which you're not being obedient?

#### **5. Respect God's timing and await his presence**

*Some vultures swooped down to eat the carcasses, but Abram chased them away. As the sun was going down, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a terrifying darkness came down over him. Then the LORD said to Abram, "You can be sure that your descendants will be strangers in a foreign land, where they will be oppressed as slaves for 400 years." Genesis 15:11-13 NLT*

*But I will punish the nation that enslaves them, and in the end they will come away with great wealth. (As for you, you will die in peace and be buried at a ripe old age.) After four generations your descendants will return here to this land, for the sins of the Amorites do not yet warrant their destruction. Genesis 15:14-16 NLT*

**DISCUSSION:** How are you respecting and responding to God's timing? Are you patient or demanding? Where do you need to make an adjustment?

**PRAYER PROJECT:** Spend some time asking God to remind you of what He has done in the past and about what He wants to do now as well. Ask Him what areas of your life you are looking only at His hands and not His face. Please share with your group.