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Faith Amidst Dark Nights October 24, 2010 Oakbrook Community Church (PCA) October 24, 2010 Oakbrook Community Church (PCA) Pastor Mark W. Turner Genesis 15 Pastor Mark W. Turner Genesis 15 "10 Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him "10 Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God. "(Isaiah 50:10, ESV) on his God. "(Isaiah 50:10, ESV) **Abraham's Fears** 1 **Abraham's Fears** 1 Listening to himself Listening to himself Beware of emotions Beware of emotions Beware of circumstances Beware of circumstances Listening to God Listening to God Depend only on "Word of the Lord" Depend only on "Word of the Lord" "Do not be afraid"... "I Am" Gen 26:24; 46:2-3 "Do not be afraid"... "I Am" Gen 26:24; 46:2-3 Fear Not: Exo 14:13; 20:20; Dt 1:21; Isa 41:10, 13-14; 43:1,5; 44:2,8 Fear Not: Exo 14:13; 20:20; Dt 1:21; Isa 41:10, 13-14; 43:1,5; 44:2,8 New Covenant Promises: Mt 6:33; Phil 4:19' Psa 84:11 New Covenant Promises: Mt 6:33; Phil 4:19' Psa 84:11 **Abraham's Worries Abraham's Worries** 2-6 2-6 Asking of God Asking of God 2-3 2-3 Abraham had limited thinking Abraham had limited thinking • God's ways are higher Isa 55:9 • God's ways are higher Isa 55:9 God's will must be fulfilled in God's way & in God's timing; God doesn't God's will must be fulfilled in God's way & in God's timing; God doesn't expect us to figure it all out — merely to trust Him & be available!expect us to figure it all out — merely to trust Him & be available! Looking to God Looking to God 4-6 4-6 Beware of looking @ circumstances — look up to God Phil 1:5-6 Beware of looking @ circumstances — look up to God Phil 1:5-6 Believe in God's Promises (6) > Gal 3:6; Rom 4:3; Jms 2:23 Believe in God's Promises (6) > Gal 3:6; Rom 4:3; Jms 2:23 Believe [Jn 20:31] Believe [Jn 20:31] His greatest need: Righteousness [Rom 3:23,10; Hab 1:13] His greatest need: Righteousness [Rom 3:23,10; Hab 1:13] Imputed (reckoned) [Isa 53:12, 6; 2 Cor 5:21] Imputed (reckoned) [Isa 53:12, 6; 2 Cor 5:21] **Abraham's Covenant Abraham's Covenant** 7-21 7-21 Affirmation Affirmation Assurance Assurance • Cutting A Covenant Jer 34:18 Cutting A Covenant Jer 34:18 God made the Promises (set terms) Abraham obeyed God made the Promises (set terms) Abraham obeyed 8-11 8-11 God fulfilled the Covenant God fulfilled the Covenant 12-21 12-21 The Nation 13-14; 16-17 The Nation 13-14: 16-17

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