

Faith Amidst Dark Nights

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Abraham’s Fears

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- Listening to himself
 - Beware of emotions
 - Beware of circumstances
 - Listening to God
 - Depend only on “Word of the Lord”
 - “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
New Covenant Promises: Mt 6:33; Phil 4:19' Psa 84:11

Abraham’s Worries

2-6

- Asking of God 2-3
 - Abraham had limited thinking
 - 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 expect us to figure it all out – merely to trust Him & be available!
- Looking to God 4-6
 - 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 [Jn 20:31]
 - His greatest need: Righteousness [Rom 3:23,10; Hab 1:13]
 - Imputed (reckoned) [Isa 53:12, 6; 2 Cor 5:21]

Abraham’s Covenant

7-21

- Affirmation 7
- Assurance
 - Cutting A Covenant Jer 34:18
 - God made the Promises (set terms) Abraham obeyed 8-11
 - God fulfilled the Covenant 12-21
 - The Nation 13-14; 16-17
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