

A Promise and A Problem
Genesis 15-18
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Intro: The integration of faith and living is never easy at first, and sometimes at all.

Interog: Are you completely surrendered to God's will?

Read Scripture: Genesis 15:1-6, 16:1-4, 17:17-19, 18:14

Remember Abram: In Gen 12 Abram left his home to go where the Lord would sent, but lied to the people of Egypt about Sarai his wife. In chapter 13 he let Lot choose the land they would divide. In 14 he aided the Sodomites against there captors and brought back Lot, and made an offering to the High Priest. After the offer God came to Abram.

1. God Gives Abram a Promise. 15:1-6

I am - What will you give me?

Verse 5 - 12:17, 13:15-16, 15:5 – History of the promise

Verse 6 – Rom 4:3, Gal 3:6, James 2:23

2. Abram and Sarai Think There is a Problem. 16:1-

God's timing is always preferred to ours.

There are no short cuts only surrender

Mathew 6:33-34, Rom 1:8-13 – Patients in serving, timing and obedience

3. God Declares His promise 17:1-22

17:2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 - Covenant

4. God Will Not Compromise His Word. 17:17-19, 18:9-14

Abraham was willing to accept Ishmael as the son of promise, but not God

God will do His will His way, even when we will accept less.

18:14 – He promised Sarah would have a child, and Sarah will have a child.

Our God is a promise keeping God.

Conclusion: What compromises have you made in the life God want to give you? You cannot short cut God; you can only serve Him obediently or be in rebellion. Obedience is God's will, Gods way, and God's time. Live in complete surrender today.