

Sermon Series: *Making A Difference*

Message Summary: This section of the Bible is a weird section of Scripture. Abram is almost ninety years old in this story and he's about to get more than he can imagine. In fact, this is a making of a covenant. In verse 18, "The LORD made a covenant with Abram". Covenant means a pact, an agreement, a deal, a testament. God made a covenant with Abram, one that he could understand but it was solely based upon God doing the work. Abram really didn't have a part to perform except to observe and receive it, a covenant sealed in blood that was shed. Today, our covenant is based on an even more sacred bloodline, for it was the shed blood of Jesus Christ, God in human flesh that enables us to have an eternal covenant and because Jesus died on the cross, we will never perish.

**Making A Difference -
From Darkness Into A Bright Future
Genesis 15:7-21**

1. Friendly affirmation from God to Abram. v.7

- A. "I am the Lord" – Who I am.
- B. "Who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldees" – What I've done.

2. Formal confirmation from God to Abram v.8-12

- A. A conditional covenant – God will respond to man's obedience.
- B. An unconditional covenant - God will just do it.

3. Future destination of Abram and the nation of Israel. vv.13-21

LifeGroup Questions

BEGIN IT (5min) – Time spent in praise and opening prayer.

OPEN IT (10min) – What would it take to get you to knowingly break an important promise you made?

EXPLORE IT (60min) – Read Genesis 15:7-21 and review Sunday's sermon outline together as a group. Stop at each point allowing people to share their additional comments or notes taken while listening to the sermon. Now answer these questions:

1. What does this passage reveal about God's character?
2. How does our commitment to God affect His dependability and trustworthiness?
3. When has God shown you mercy despite your disobedience?
4. What promises of God can help us deal with the difficult circumstances of our lives?
5. How can you encourage a friend this week with the message of this passage?

APPLY IT (15min) – What did God reveal to you in the sermon or among your discussion group? How will you apply this new understanding to your life?