

FAITH JOURNEY

Faith that doesn't limit God



Life Carries On

Highlights within the routine.

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Chapter 17: A very Significant Event

An event so significant and so abundant that 4,000 years later it continues to impact you and me.

- 1.Reveals new information about God.
- 2.Reiterates previous promises with more detail.
- 3.Radical Response to God's commitment is laid out.

Deeper Revelation about God

El-Shaddai – God Almighty

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Solemn Commitment - Covenant

1. 'If ... then' v1,2

'I am God Almighty; (if) walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.'

Deeper Revelation about God

Solemn Commitment - Covenant

1. 'If ... then'
2. '*As for me*' ... v4-8
3. '*As for you*' ... v9-14

God's Offer

I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. v 7.

God's Invitation

'I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. ² Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.'

V1 and 2

Expected Response

'This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: every male among you shall be circumcised. You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you.

V10 and 11

Deeper Life with God

1. The abundance of the Blessing

1. Great Fruitfulness. v6
2. Everlasting covenant. v7
3. A new name – destiny and Character. v5
4. Involvement with God's actions. v18
5. Blessing beyond ourselves. v20

Deeper Life with God

2. Deeper Faith is the gateway to releasing the Blessing

Abraham's Faith Responses

1. Previously ...

1. Followed the Call.
2. Built an Altar.
3. Called on the name of the Lord.
4. Gave a tithe.
5. Believed God.

Abraham's Faith Responses

2. In Genesis 17 ...

1. *'Abraham fell face down'* ... v3 and 17
2. *'On that same day ...'* v23
3. *Circumcised himself and his household*
... v 27

Four Degrees of Love

Bernard of Clairvaux

1. Loving Yourself for Your Own Sake (Selfish Love)
2. Loving God for Your Own Blessing (Dependence on God)
3. Loving God for God's Own Sake (Intimacy with God)
4. Self-Love for God's Sake (United with God's Love)