

**FAITH: NO DOUBT OR KNOW DOUBT?
(The Gospel According to Abraham- Part 3)**

Genesis 15:1-21

DOUBT LEADS ABRAHAM TO...

... throw _____ under the bus- *Gen 12:12,13*

... be filled with _____ - *Gen 15:1*

... _____ with Hagar- *Gen 16:2-4*

... throw Sarah under the bus _____ - *Gen 20:2*

THE DOWNSIDES OF DOUBT

1. Doubt can cause one to _____
Heb 11:6; Ps 14:1

2. Doubt can lead one _____
Gen 3:1-1; 1 Sa 15:1-24

THE UPSIDE TO DOUBT:

It can lead to increased _____

CASE STUDY: ABRAHAM'S DOUBTS- *Gen 15:1-21*

Abraham has....

...doubts about _____ - *Gen 15:2,3*

...doubts about _____ - *Gen 15:8*

God answers Abraham's doubts by " _____"
Jer 34:17-20

God answers our doubts by the covenant _____
Mk 15:33; Is 53:6; Mt 27:46; Gal 3:13-14

Confidence in God doesn't come from _____;

it comes from what Jesus has done _____.

*Fill-ins: Sarah; worry and fear; have sex; again; reject God; to disobey; confidence in God;
God; himself; cutting a covenant; with Jesus; within us; for us*

Life Group Questions for the Week of January 20, 2019

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

2. If God spoke directly to you and promised to give you something you really wanted, how would you feel? How would you feel 25 years later if nothing had happened yet?

3. In Genesis 15, God tells Abram not to be afraid, which means He knew Abram was afraid of something. Why do you think "fear not" appears over 200 times in Bible?

4. What are some things that make us afraid?

5. In Genesis 15, the Lord promises Abram to be his shield and very great reward. How is the Lord a shield to us? How is He our reward?

6. Our trust and understanding of who God is as the object of our faith can either diminish or heighten the sometimes paralyzing effect of doubt. How might the following verses help build your confidence in God in the midst of doubt? Psalm 25:8; Psalm 89:11; Psalm 145:9-10; James 1:17

7. One of the reasons we may doubt the strength or power of our faith is the ongoing battle we all have at times in dealing with our own sin. What insight does Paul give us in Romans 7:18-21 of how our struggle, doubt and faith can co-exist?

How does Romans 8:1 help us deal with this struggle?

8. It's often during times of hardship and challenge that we are most often tempted to doubt God's plan and his care for us. But the Bible teaches that hardships can play an important role in developing our faith.

How do the following passages help us understand hardship's role and the attitude God wants us to have toward it? Romans 5:3-5; James 1:2-4; Romans 8:28-30

What is most challenging for you in accepting what these passages say about hardship?

In what ways can the truths in these passages be helpful to you in handling difficult times in your life?