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Prayer Is Conversation Pt 3

Abraham & Genesis 15

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God's first conversation with a human that is not sin dominated

- Adam in Genesis 3 - remedial
- Cain in Genesis 4 – preventative & remedial

God's conversation with Abram is in two parts: Genesis 15:1-6 & 7-21

Part 1: Offspring / Inheritance / Land

Genesis 15:1-4 God Initiates:

Declarative

Genesis 15:1, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying: "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great."

- Seeing the word of the Lord – be willing to sense God in unique & illogical ways (seeing the word)
- I'm your **protection** (I'm your shield – what a warrior carries into battle; your bodyguard)
- You'll have a great **reward**

Abram questions God:

What?

Genesis 15:2-3, "O Lord GOD, what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 Abram said, "Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir."

God gets more personal in His reply:

Walk, Look, Listen

Genesis 15:4-5, Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir." 5 *He took him outside* and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

Are we willing to let God change / challenge our perspective, assumptions, view of the future?

The Proper Reply: **Genesis 15:6** Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness

Taking Action:

- 1 – Are we willing to see, hear and sense God in ways that don't always follow logic or human experience?
- 2 – Take a walk with God, literally
- 3 – Let God determine your focus / vision
- 4 – Listen