

# SERMON NOTES

February 3 & 4, 2024

**Commit:** Can I Trust God?

Genesis 15:8-18

1. God \_\_\_\_\_ the question, "Can I trust you?" **Genesis 15: 8-10 a**
  
2. Terms
  - a. Covenant: An \_\_\_\_\_ people to each other.
  
  - b. Oath of Malediction: The \_\_\_\_\_ upon myself to make an oath secure.
  
  - c. Covenant Walk: The \_\_\_\_\_ of a covenant commitment.
  
3. Covenant Benefit:
  - a. God: Somebody to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to.
  
  - b. Israel: A \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
  
4. A covenant is a promise \_\_\_\_\_. **Genesis 15:12, 17-18a**
  
5. Because Israel \_\_\_\_\_ their promises to God, God created a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  
6. As an act of covenant renewal, Israel \_\_\_\_\_ to God and Moses  
\_\_\_\_\_ of sacrificed animals on the Israelites. **Exodus 24: 7-8**
  
7. On the cross, Jesus does the \_\_\_\_\_. **Jeremiah 31:32**

# Life Steps

**Commit:** Health | February 3 & 4, 2024

## Monday

**Genesis 15:1-8**

**Reflect:** Why do you think Abram asked God the question in verse 8? Review your message notes, Where did you sense a conviction or challenge in the weekend message?

**Pray:** God of the covenant, today, I renew my commitment to walk in step with your ways and your love.

## Tuesday

**Genesis 15:8-18**

**Reflect:** What was God's response to Abram's question in Verse 8 and why? Based on these verses, what does it mean to make or cut a covenant? Why did God do the covenant walk through the pieces without requiring Abram to do so?

**Pray:** God of the covenant, today, I renew my commitment to walk in step with your ways and your love.

## Wednesday

**Exodus 24:3-8 | Leviticus 17:11**

**Reflect:** What do you think the blood symbolizes in this covenant ceremony? What was God communicating through Moses?

**Pray:** God of the covenant, today, I renew my commitment to walk in step with your ways and your love.

## Thursday

**Jeremiah 31:31-32**

**Reflect:** How does God describe his covenant with the people when they came out of Egypt? What does this metaphor teach us?

**Pray:** God of the covenant, today, I renew my commitment to walk in step with your ways and your love.

## Friday

**Jeremiah 31:33-34**

**Reflect:** What is the difference between a covenant and our common understanding of a contract? Which one better describes your relationship with God? Explain.

**Pray:** God of the covenant, today, I renew my commitment to walk in step with your ways and your love.

## Saturday

**Mark 14:23-24**

**Reflect:** Considering all of the Old Testament passages we have read this week, what is the significance of the cup that Jesus describes? In what areas of your life do you have the most difficulty trusting God (e.g. finances, time, relationships, sexuality, heart)?

**Pray:** God of the covenant, today, I renew my commitment to walk in step with your ways and your love.

## Sunday

**1 John 4:7-21**

**Reflect:** In a covenant of the heart, I don't ask what I can get. I ask what I can give. Love wants to give. How have you experienced the covenant of the heart with God? How have you experienced the covenant of the heart to be the fundamental promise that defines a family?

**Pray:** God of the covenant, thank you for showing me your heart through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Help me prepare my heart to begin, on Ash Wednesday, the 40-day Lenten journey with Jesus to the cross.