

**INTRO**

- What is one relationship in your life that has most shaped you, and why?

**READ**

Genesis 15:1-18

**REFLECT & RESPOND**

This week, we explored the shape of covenant through God's relationship with Abram in Genesis 15. In a world where relationships often feel fragile, conditional, or uncertain, God reveals Himself as radically committed. Covenant is God's initiative to restore people into relationship and partnership with Him through grace.

Genesis 15 highlights five characteristics of covenant relationship:

- **Initiative** — God moves toward us before we move toward Him.
- **Trust** — Faith is choosing to lean the weight of our lives onto God, even with questions and uncertainty.
- **Realism** — God does not hide suffering or waiting in the process, but places them within His larger story of hope.
- **Grace** — The covenant ultimately rests on God's faithfulness, not ours.
- **Purpose** — God forms a people not just for personal blessing, but for His mission in the world.

*Q: Which of the five characteristics stood out to you most, and why?*

*Q: Do you tend to relate to God as distant, conditional, or difficult to trust? Where do you think that comes from?*

*Q: Where in your life do you feel caught between God's promises and present reality?*

*Q: In what ways do you still feel like you need to earn God's approval rather than receive His grace?*

*Q: Which dimension of faith needs more attention in your life right now?*

- *UP* — your relationship with God
- *IN* — your connection to church community
- *OUT* — your participation in God's mission

**Christ-centred Reflection & Application**

Genesis 15 ultimately points us to Jesus. In Christ, God fully enters the covenant story:

- He takes the initiative to come toward us.
- He remains faithful where humanity fails.
- He enters suffering and darkness through the cross.
- He carries the covenant obligation on our behalf.
- He forms a multinational people shaped by grace and sent into the world.

The good news of the gospel is not that we secure a relationship with God through our initiative or performance. It is that, in Christ, God has bound Himself to us through His grace and unwavering faithfulness.

*Q: What would it look like to actively trust God this week?*

*Q: Is there a step toward community, reconciliation, or mission that God may be inviting you to take?*

**PRAY**

- Thank God for pursuing you before you pursued Him.
- Ask God to deepen your trust in seasons of uncertainty or waiting.
- Confess areas where you have been striving to earn God's approval.
- Pray for courage to live as part of God's covenant people, shaped by His presence and sent for His purposes.