



Series: Genesis

Passage: Genesis 17:23-18:22

Title: What it Looks Like to Walk with God

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Discussion Starter – Define in your own words what it means to “walk with God”. Does your daily walk in the world reflect your definition of a walk with God? Does it reflect your faith in God? Why or why not?

- Describe in your own words Abraham’s immediate response to God speaking to him in verses 17:9-21?
- Abraham probably did not understand the purpose of circumcision. Are there commands of God that you don’t fully understand? How does 2 Corinthians 5:7 teach us about this subject? What demonstrated by Abraham’s example?
- What was the connection between circumcision and God’s promise?
- What does Abraham’s behavior reveal about his faith? How is faith demonstrated? Where does faith come from? (read James 2:18)
- What is revealed about our faith when we delay in responding to God’s commands or revelations?
- The bible devotes 5 verses to document this initial circumcision. Why is this so important to our understanding of Abraham’s walk with God?
- Why do you think there is no record of opposition to Abraham circumcising hundreds of men at this time? What does this teach us about the respect Abraham’s house had for him? How was that respect earned?
- How can you apply what you have learned here to be a better leader in your family, your work, or your community?
- Describe the difference between Abraham’s and Sarah’s responses to God’s promised son, (17:17 and 18:12). What is revealed about Abraham and Sarah’s faith by their outward actions?
- How is Hebrews 4:12 demonstrated in THE LORD’S response to Sarah?
- What do we learn in Genesis 18:17-19 about God’s relationship with Abraham? How do you think that relationship was built?
- Why do you think THE LORD said to Abraham, “I will go down and see...”? Referring to the people of Sodom and Gomorrah.
- How is Abraham’s knowledge of, and relationship with God increased in this exchange?
- What do we learn of God’s desire and methods to build Abraham’s faith as his life unfolds? Why do you think the LORD included Abraham in the judgement His is about to pass on the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah?
- Describe how Abraham’s influence on the history of mankind flows from his humble walk with God and is a fulfilment of God’s covenant. (1 Corinthians 1:18-31)