# Cutting A Covenant That Counts! Genesis 15

"For I hold you by your right hand—I, the Lord your God. And I say to you, 'Don't be afraid. I am here to help you." Isaiah 41:13

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

1 Peter 4: 19



The history of God's faithfulness to His people

# God's covenant promise to Abraham

...to the people of Israel were given the covenants and the law and the promises. Romans 9:4



And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens and count the stars, if you are able to count them". And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be. Then he believed in the Lord; and He credited it to him as righteousness. And He said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it." "Lord God, how may I know that I shall possess it? Can you give me some promise?"

"Bring me a 3-year-old heifer and a 3-year-old female goat and a three-year-old ram and a turtle dove and a young pigeon," And he brought all these to Him and cut them in half, each half on the opposite side

and one dead bird on one side and one dead bird on the other. And the birds of prey came down on the carcasses and Abram drove them away. Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror and great darkness fell upon him

Then God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed for 400 years. But "I will also judge the nation whom they will serve and afterward they will come out with many possessions. But as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace be buried in a good old age. Then in the fourth generation, they shall return here for the iniquity of the Amorite, is not yet complete."

And when the sun had set and it was dark there appeared a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between those pieces. On the day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, it was a covenant to give them the land.

Genesis 15:5-18

"For when God made the promise to Abraham," since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself saying, 'I will surely bless you and I will multiply you.'" Hebrews 6:13

..."by the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath." Hebrews 6:17

God's covenant promise to us!

# Our church covenant purpose

To the nations

# Our church covenant life

To the body

"Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the Lord.

"For this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the Lord: "I will put My law within them and write it on their heart; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. They will not teach again, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the Lord, "for I will forgive their wrongdoing, and their sin I will no longer remember."

Jeremiah 31:31-34

# The Fellowship Bible Church Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior, and being in agreement with Fellowship's statements, strategy and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Fellowship Church Family.In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

#### I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By acting in love toward other members
- ...By refusing to gossip
- ...By following the leaders

# I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By praying for its growth
- ...By inviting the unchurched to attend
- ...By warmly welcoming those who visit

### I Will Serve The Ministry Of My Church

- ...By discovering my gifts and talents
- ...By being equipped to serve by my pastors
- ...By developing a servant's heart

# I Will Support The Testimony Of My Church.

- ...By attending faithfully
- ...By living a Godly life
- ...By giving regularly

Will you live in steadfast "New Covenant life" with God... By faith!