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A Devotional on the Book of Genesis | **PART 5 SUMMER EDITION** What does it mean to live a life made in God's image?

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In Genesis 13, we learned about the power of relationships, decisions and peace. All three impact our calling as daughters' of Christ. In this next study, we're diving deep into what it means to answer the full call of God. Many think it starts with "doing" but what we often forget, is the power of stillness in God's presence. Are you always on the go? Maybe your mind never shuts off?

Sister, this is your time to learn how to be still in the presence of God, in the waiting, in the mundane, and in the chaos this life brings. Peace comes from your stillness in HIS presence.



Read Genesis 14:1-12 and write down anything that stands out to you.





Week One

Read and discuss with your community:

Reflect back on Genesis 14:1-12. Warfare breaks out. Lot is caught in the middle. Abram is not yet on the scene, but the world feels unstable.

• Where in your life currently, do you feel a sense of unstableness? It could be your work, mind, family, future, relationships...or something else we didn't list. Share below:

Read John 16:33 and write it below.

• Throughout this study, we're going to go back to the history of the Word. *We're studying the context, and the original writing in Hebrew. This helps us better understand the history and application of the Word of God!*

Hebrew word: מְלְחָמָה (milchamah) – Meaning: war, battle, conflict Appears repeatedly in Genesis 14 (vv. 2, 8, 9, 15)



Week One

Read and discuss with your community:

- Lot chose what looked "better" and yet was taken captive. What feels like a similar battle in your life right now? It once looked better, but now is seen as a battle?
- Lot was out of his own control. How do you usually respond when you feel out of control?
 - Read 2 Corinthians 10:5 and write it below.

The Hebrew word for arguments is: מַחַלֹקָת (machloket)
This can be translated as dispute, disagreement, or conflict.

How can you demolish the conflict you're facing right now according to 2 Corinthians 10:5?

Week One

Read and discuss with your community:

TAKE HEART

Sometimes what often looks like a conflict, distress or overwhelm can create the opposite...but only if we allow it to. How do we take thoughts captive? How do we demolish every conflict or argument? It starts with surrender and obedience to Christ.

When you respond in prayer, lamenting your heart to God, and seeking to honor Him in all you do, God is sovereign. **He** will bless your faithfulness. How do we know this? Deuteronomy 28:1-2. Look it up and write it below!

How do we find rest in God's sovereignty and plan	
todaydespite the chaos life	
will bring?	
How can you? Write below.	/
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Week Two

One-on-one time with God:

Sister, this is your time:

Over the course of this next week, God wants you to reflect on how to rest in His presence in your everyday life. Whether it's the mundane, day-to-day tasks, anxious thoughts or a season of overwhelm. Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit, so we don't have to walk this life alone but to find true rest, in Him.

• Read Genesis 14:13–24. Write what stands out to you.

 As you read, Abram rescues Lot, honors Melchizedek, refuses Sodom's reward! Abram listened to God, and said no to Sodom because He knew what happened in their land was not of God. Where in your life is God calling you to say "no" in order to rest in His presence?

Read and reflect on Hebrews 7:1–3 and write it down below.



Week Two

One-on-one time with God:

Remember:

The Hebrew study for the word "peace" is שָׁלום (shalom) Meaning: peace, wholeness, completion Melchizedek is King of Salem (Peace) found in v. 18.

- Just as Melchizedek brought peace through his blessing to Abram, Melchizedek imitated who Jesus is - the most High King of Peace. How do you experience God's peace every day? How do you long to experience God's peace?
- This part of the story required an act of faith on Abram to say no to a ruler, Sodom. Where is God calling you to say yes to Him instead of saying yes to the world?

Sister, don't forget:

God provides true victory and spiritual authority—without compromise. It can look like the easier route is to say yes, because appearance can be deceiving. Remember Lot! He chose what looked better, and ended up as a captive without peace, until Abram stepped on the scene.

Week Two

One-on-one time with God:

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

Abram honored God with everything He had. What would it look like for you to honor God with my resources and victories?

WHERE IS YOUR HEART TODAY?

It's really simple to fall down a path of temptation. The world will ask us to compromise what we believe, or how to get to the path God is calling us towards. But there is value in integrity, upholding the call God has given you as a follower of Jesus and obedience to the Word of God. This integrity God calls you to have will bless you, not harm you. Commands in the bible are not to take away from your life, but to add to it. **Share your struggle with this truth here:**



Week Two One-on-one time with God: TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

• Read and reflect on Psalm 41:11–12. Write it below.

• Psalm 41:11-12 is a declaration from King David. He had his fare share of mess-ups and mistakes. Yet he always started out his "laments" with praises to God, and reminding himself of God's faithfulness. How does this truth remind you of the peace you can experience?

TAKE HEART

It may feel like an overwhelming task to obey God when there appears to be an "easier" route to where you want to go, or where God is calling you to go. Especially when comparison comes into play. God knows your heart, and He knows when you're going to mess up. **However, don't allow your mess-ups to define your next move.**

God wants more for you! Your victory and resting in God's peace every day - despite your challenges, is found on the other side of obedience.



Read and discuss with your community:

• Read and reflect Genesis 15:1–6. Write down what stands out to you.

• In order to find true rest in our Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit - we first must have faith. It is the foundation of true rest! Do you have faith that God can you speak to you as clearly as He did to Abram in verses 1-5? Be honest below. Share your why.

GOOD NEWS

While we may not hear God's voice tangibly or in a vision like Abram, **you have direct access to His voice today. How? Through His Word.** There is a story, and passages that relate to every season of your life. God cares about you. He wants you to discern His voice and that's why He gave us these scriptures from 2,000+ years ago. Is that enough for you to have faith?



Remember:

In Genesis 15:6, the verse says, "And he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness". **The Hebrew**, (aman) is used in the Hiphil stem, which suggests a causative action, meaning "to stand firm, to trust, to be certain, to believe in."

 So often, we hear many followers of Jesus speak about how they heard from God and it can cause us to question if we have ever heard from God. One of the many things we can take away from both Abram and the original writing in Hebrew, is that Abram stood firm, trusted God and believed even when He didn't have a son (just yet). Where do you struggle to stand firm and rest in God's promises currently?

• Read and reflect over Romans 4:3. Write it below:



Sister, there is hope.

God speaks directly to Abram's fear and longing. His word is the foundation of Abram's rest. God doesn't just promise; He reassures. Faith is the bridge between God's word and your soul's peace.

 In Romans 4:3 (the NEW testament): We are reminded of God's faithfulness to Abrahams' (then Abram) faith. He brought his faith, to fruition! How has God been reassuring you lately—and have you been listening?



• Read and reflect over Hebrews 11:6. Write it below.



Sister – God already paid the price for your salvation. His name is Jesus.

• You will hear many different versions and reasons behind this popular verse. **But we, at Fearless Women want to make something very clear. God is** *not calling* **you to earn His faithfulness or salvation.**

He IS calling you, however, to ACT in faith. It's called, active faith.

How can you do that? By being faithful with what He has given you. Time. Reading His Word. Worshipping God and remembering His faithfulness.

• What promises has God already made clear to you through His Word? How can you strengthen your trust in what He has already said? Write it below.

TAKE HEART

If you're struggling with trusting God is who He says He is, because your circumstances are telling you otherwise - bring that heart to God. He doesn't want the perfect version of you. He want's all of you. Share a deep felt prayer with Him, and your community today.

One-on-one time with God:

Sister, this is your time:

Over and over again we think that God's goodness is dependent upon ours. Thank God it's not! In Genesis 15, you'll continue to learn how faithful and loving our God is in both the Old Testament, New Testament and TODAY. Pray for God to open your heart, eyes and ears to experience His presence in a new way.

- Read Genesis Genesis 15:7–21. Write what stands out to you.
- Reflect over verse 11, and write below.

- Genesis 15:11 shows a real, event in the covenant ritual. This shows opposition or evil forces trying to interfere with God's covenant promises. Abram protecting the offering shows his active participation and vigilance in the sacred act. How do we know this to be true? Read the following verses:
- Jeremiah 12:9
- Ezekiel 39:4
- Revelation 19:17–18



One-on-one time with God:

The Hebrew for covenant is בְּרִית (berit) a binding agreement (v. 18).

Interpreters often see birds of prey as representing chaos, evil, or opposition, especially when they appear in a sacred or covenantal (binding agreement) setting.

 Abram was trying to fulfill the covenantal agreement yet the prey tried to interfere. We believe in an enemy, and the enemy comes to kill, steal and destroy (John 10:10).

One way to overcome the enemy's tactic on your life and mind, is utilizing our helper, comforter and advocate - the HOLY SPIRT!

First, ask the Holy Spirit for help. Then, acknowledge how we can be tempted to not follow through where God is calling us (outside forces). **How is the enemy tempting you to not follow through with your agreement you made with God?**

Honesty Hour:

We all have fallen into the temptation or doubt to not follow through where God has called us. It could be as simple as a coffee date to share the Good news of the gospel, that phone call for a friend in need of prayer, or as big as taking a leap of faith when you can't see what's next.

However, we can learn from Abram. He decided to follow God no matter the cost and as you continue to read, you'll learn even more so.

• Read Hebrews 6:16-18. Write what stands out to you below:

• Early in Genesis, we read about the sabbath. The enemy and the world will come at us with distractions especially when we are tired. But Hebrews 6:18 shares that can hold fast to the hope set before us. In order to believe that to be true with active faith, we have to rest.

Where do you lack rest? Is it physically? Is it mentally? Write below:

THERE IS GOOD NEWS

God put Abram to sleep and walks the covenant path alone. It's a picture of grace: God's promise doesn't rest on your perfection but on His faithfulness. Rest comes from realizing it doesn't depend on you!

• Where do I feel like I have to "earn" God's favor or keep Him happy?

• Read Matthew 6:33. Write it below.

• All God calls us to do is to SEEK Him. Spend time in His Word. Pray. Share your heart to Him and ask the Holy Spirit for help!

We cannot overcome sin or temptation on our strength, but by His. This verse stands for the way we're called to live! How does it feel to know God carries the full weight of the promise?

• In what areas of my life do you need to surrender control in order to fully rest in God's presence?

• What evidence do you see in your life today of God's covenant love?

TAKE HEART

Following Jesus may feel harder than when you didn't before. It may feel like you have to be more intentional, and when you're tired, that can feel overwhelming.

That alone is evidence that you're growing closer to God because you want to make Him happy, but you're tired and feel like it all weighs on you. **We can't allow the enemy to twist the narrative.** You're not meant to walk this journey of faith, and relationship with God on your own. Just like any other relationship, you're not alone. And thankfully...just like NO other relationship, God carries all the strength you need.

All you have to do is show up, and place yourself around community who loves God. Write an honest prayer to God of finding true rest in Him on the next page.

Questions you have to ask God + your fearless sisterhood:

We ALL have questions. God has given us community to walk life with, and instructs us to seek wise counsel. You don't have to navigate your relationship with God alone but in community. More importantly — God wants your real, unfiltered prayers first. Write down your questions for God + your sisterhood below

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