

## The Cost of God's Commitment

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Genesis 15:1-10,17-18 After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.”<sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring[d] be.”<sup>6</sup> Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.<sup>7</sup> He also said to him, “I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”<sup>8</sup> But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”<sup>9</sup> So the Lord said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.”<sup>10</sup> Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other.<sup>17</sup> When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces.<sup>18</sup> On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates

### **1. The Covenants in the Bible tell us that we can not only know ABOUT God but that God desires that we come to trust and love Him.**

*Genesis 17:7 I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you*

### **2. Marriage is an example of the pleasure and pain that we experience in a covenant relationship.**

*Ephesians 5:28-31 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.<sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—<sup>30</sup> for we are members of his body.<sup>31</sup> “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”*

*Hosea 3:1 The Lord said to me, “Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods”*

*1 Corinthians 13: 4-8 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.<sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.<sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.<sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.<sup>8</sup> Love never fails*

Marriage is bound to fail if it is based on  
**convenience not commitment.**

### **3. The cross is the ultimate demonstration of God's commitment and love for us !**

*Romans 5:8 “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

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