



Genesis 12:3—All the families on earth will be blessed through you.

Genesis 15:1—Some time later, the LORD spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, “Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great.”

Genesis 15:6—And Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith.

Genesis 15:18—So the LORD made a covenant with Abram that day..

**Main Point:
Security doesn't come from
control but surrender.**

**ASK THESE QUESTIONS WHEN
LIFE FEELS OUT OF CONTROL**

1. Do I think I am the main character?

Proverbs 3:5-6—Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

2. Am I asking to control God?

Romans 9:20b—*Who are you, a mere human being, to argue with God? Should the thing that was created say to the one who created it, “Why have you made me like this?”*

3. Do I hope for God’s plan or just the life I want?

Jeremiah 29:11—*“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”*

Jeremiah 29:12-14—*“In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you,” says the LORD. “I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land.”*

Genesis 22:1-3—*Some time later, God tested Abraham’s faith. “Abraham!” God called. “Yes,” he replied. “Here I am.” “Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you.”*

Genesis 22:6-8—*So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac’s shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together, Isaac turned to Abraham and said, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “We have the fire and the wood,” the boy said, “but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?” “God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son,” Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.*

Genesis 22:9-12—*When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. At that moment the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Yes,” Abraham replied. “Here I am!” “Don’t lay a hand on the boy!” the angel said. “Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son.”*

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