

Friends that Bleed Together stay Together

We can be called the friend of God James 2:23

- I. Blessed by my friendship with God.
 - a. Abraham endured hardship and needs encouraged. (Gen 15:1)
 - i. “After this” Acknowledges Abrahams Hardships.
 - b. God declares truth Abraham needs for encouragement Vs.1
 - i. People with faith are also people with feelings, and feelings must not be discredited or ignored.
 - c. Abraham questions God for further assurance on the Promise of Seed based on Gen 12:1-3 (Gen 15:2-3).
 - i. It is vital for us to spend adequate time resting in our friendship with God for strength..
 1. In friendship with God, you don’t have to be strong you just have to be humble and faithful.
 - ii. Is it okay to question God, but do not accuse God. (Compare Hab 1:2; James 1:5 with Jonah 4:2)
 - d. God Replies emphatically with promises in doubts. (Gen 15:4-5)
 - e. Abraham Believes God in his struggles (Gen 15:6)
 - i. Genesis 15:6 represents the backbone of the Bible.
 - ii. James 2:23; Galatians 3:6; Romans 4:3 all quote Genesis 15:6 as a key passage to understand.
 - iii. “Believed” means to lean your whole weight upon.
 - iv. “Counted” means “to put to one’s account.”
 - v. “Declared Righteous” means conformity to an ethical or moral standard.
- II. Assurance of my friendship with God.
 - a. Vs. 8 Abraham questions for assurance on the promise of Land.
 - b. God assures Abraham of his promise based on his Grace not our merit. (Gen 15:9-10; 12, 17-21)
 - c. God gives us all assurance (1 Cor 11:25; John 14:1-4)