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## Learning to Walk In the Dark

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<sup>1</sup> 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." <sup>2</sup> But Abram replied, "O Sovereign LORD, what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son? Since you've given me no children, Eliezer of Damascus, a servant in my household, will inherit all my wealth. <sup>3</sup> You have given me no descendants of my own, so one of my servants will be my heir."

*Genesis 15:1-3 (NLT)*

### LEARNING TO WALK GOD'S PATH, EVEN WHEN IT'S DARK:

<sup>1</sup> As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. <sup>2</sup> I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him? <sup>3</sup> Day and night I have only tears for food, while my enemies continually taunt me, saying, "Where is this God of yours?" ... <sup>8</sup> But each day the LORD pours his unfailing love upon me, and through each night I sing his songs, praying to God who gives me life.

*Psalms 42:1-3, 8 (NLT)*

### 1. TRAIN YOUR FOCUS ON GOD.

<sup>1</sup> ...The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

*Genesis 15:1 (NIV)*

<sup>105</sup> Your word is like a lamp for my feet and a light for my path. <sup>107</sup> ...Lord, give me life by your word.

*Psalms 119:105, 107 (NCV)*

### 2. LOOK FOR THE STARS OF PROMISE.

<sup>3</sup> You have given me no descendants of my own, so one of my servants will be my heir." <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "No, your servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of your own who will be your heir." <sup>5</sup> Then the LORD took Abram outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!"

*Genesis 15:3-5 (NLT)*

### 3. STAND UP, EVEN WHEN THE SUN ISN'T SHINING.

<sup>6</sup> And Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith.

*Genesis 15:6 (NLT)*

### 4. LISTEN FOR THE ASSURANCE OF GOD.

<sup>15</sup> You, (Abraham), will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a good old age.

*Genesis 15:15 (NIV)*

<sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

*Ephesians 1:17-19 (NIV)*

<sup>9</sup> ..."No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined the things that God has prepared for those who love him."

*1 Corinthians 2:9 (GW)*