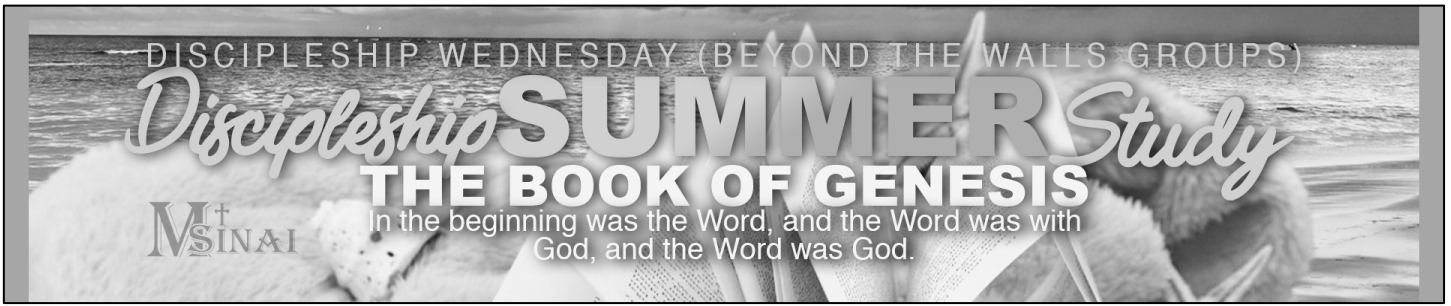


BTW GROUP BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSION



**BTW SESSION 1: TRUSTING GOD**

In preparation for this week’s group discussion, read **Genesis 15:1-11**. Please answer the questions in advance to enable a lively group discussion.

**Genesis 15:1-11: Abram is Promised a Son**

The chapter begins by saying, “the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision.” Once again, God is speaking to Abram as He did in Genesis 12:1. It should be noted that God speaks very clearly to His people. What has God been speaking to you about lately?

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**In verse 1**, God tells Abram not to \_\_\_\_\_.

Read **Proverbs 29:25** - What does it say about fear?

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When God speaks to you, do you have reservations or fear? If so, explain?

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Notice how God immediately helped Abram not to develop fear. God says, “I am a shield to you.” Think of another way to say, “the Lord is my shield.” Think about some of the shields in our lives each day (i.e., insurance, security systems, banks, houses).

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Read the following verses. What do you learn about how God shields us?

- a. Psalm 3:3 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Psalm 5:12 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Psalm 119:114 \_\_\_\_\_

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**In verse 1**, what do you think God meant when He said, "Your reward shall be very great."

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If you were in Abram's position and God promised to reward you, what would you ask for?

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Connect what God said in **Genesis 12:7** with **Genesis 15:2-3**.

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**Verse 2:** What did it mean for Abram not to have a son? Put yourself in Abram's situation as he expressed his feelings to God about being childless.

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God proved to Abram that He would grant His promise of providing an heir and the number of his descendants by showing Abram the heavens and the stars.

**In verse 6**, what did Abram do to accept the Lord's promise? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Romans 1:17. What should believers do to prove their faith?

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In your own words, explain what it means to live according to faith.

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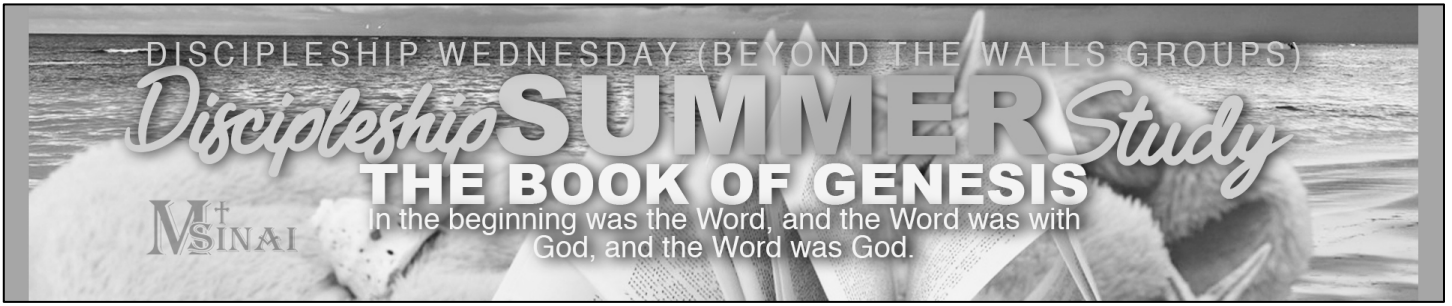
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**Challenge:** Explain how you will apply this lesson to your life. How will you improve on hearing the voice of God, accepting His rewards, and moving forward in faith?



## BTW SESSION 2: THE LOVE TRIANGLE

In preparation for this week's group discussion, read Genesis 16:1-15. Please answer the questions in advance to enable a lively group discussion.

**Read Genesis 2:24.** Write out God's original intention for marriage.

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Sarai, Abram's wife, is barren and says in verse 2, "Now behold the Lord has prevented me from bearing children." She tells Abram to go into Hagar, her maid, and she will obtain a child.

**Read Genesis 15:4:** What was God's promise to Abram regarding a son?

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**Challenge:** In this situation, describe Abram's faith as he took his wife's advice.

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1. How do we demonstrate a lack of trust when we interfere with God as He fulfills His promises to us?

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2. In your own words, how would you describe this love triangle?

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3. Describe Hagar's unhappiness. Was she justified in her unhappiness?

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A. Give three lessons we learn from Hagar's situation.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

B. What were the results of Hagar running away?

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C. What positive thing could she have lost because of her fleeing?

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D. What lessons do we learn from this?

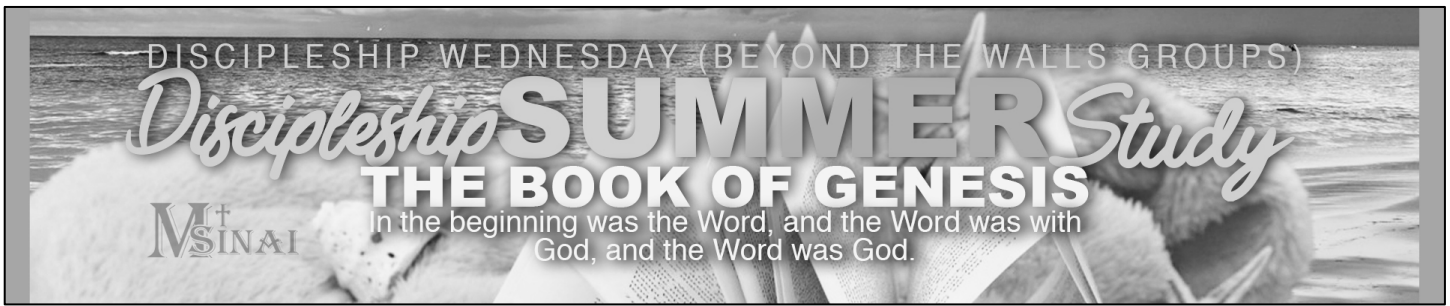
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4. What specific command is noted in the following verses?

- a. Genesis 16:8 – 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Ephesians 5:21-29 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. I Peter 3:6-7 \_\_\_\_\_

**Challenge:** What do these passages teach us about how we should live our lives?



### BTW SESSION 3: A SOCIETAL ISSUE

In preparation for this week's group discussion, read **Genesis 19:1-26**. Please answer the questions in advance to enable a lively group discussion.

This lesson deals with the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah. Sodom was the place that Lot chose for himself when he and his Uncle Abraham separated. Lot saw the land, **13:10**, as a prosperous place, despite the city's issues.

Read **Genesis 18:20**, what were the city's problems?

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Read **Genesis 18:22-33** regarding Abraham's prayer for Sodom. God was looking for righteous people in the city so Abraham prayed that if there were righteous people found God would not destroy Sodom.

1. Was Abraham's prayer answered? Since God knew the number of righteous men in Sodom, why did He let Abraham continue praying?

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2. From Abraham's request, what lesson can we learn about praying?

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#### Genesis 19

Read **Genesis 19** and give at least two examples of God's judgment:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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Read **Genesis 19:4-5**.

1. Who came to Lot's house to see the two angels/men?

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2. What sexual perversions do you notice in this chapter?

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3. What sexual perversions do you notice in our society?

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Give some verses that show how Lot could not influence the men of Sodom.

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Read **Genesis 19:15-22**. In your own words, describe God's punishment on Sodom and Gomorrah.

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**Challenge:**

1. What does this lesson teach us about sexual purity and identity?

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2. How should the church deal or address the issues related to sexual purity and identity?

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