



## The Life of Abraham—Talking To A Friend

### Abram—Friend of God

Each of us have had those special friends with whom we have been close to. My closest friend is my wife. We are not perfect and sometimes our discussions can be lively but we are family and friends too. You'll understand what I mean when you read this verse.

**Proverbs 18:24**

**A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.**

Now, see what God has to say about Abram:

**Isa. 41:8**

**"But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, The descendants of Abraham My friend.**

God Himself, Creator of the Universe called Abram His friend. When Abram need help God didn't want him to go hammer out an idol, He wanted him to just come and talk to him as a friend. As a friend God said ...

**Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10**

Now this is the kind of friend I want, this is the Friend I Need! Let's look at another verse concerning the relationship between God and Abram

**James 2:23** And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS." **And he was called the friend of God.**

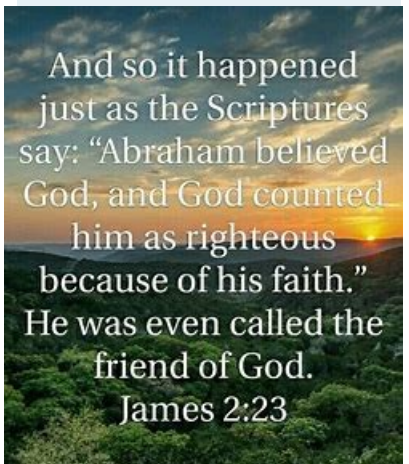
As friends, they talked. They were not buddy-buddy, Abram always respected God, but they could talk in a way that friends talked, they could discuss things. Genesis 15 is one of the most unique passages in the Bible because you read a back and forth conversation that God and Abram have. Look at the layout of the verses in this chapter. You will see God in Abram.

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### The Scriptures says...



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### Conversation of Two Friends

**Gen 15:1** After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

Abram took a big step of faith in God by refusing the King of Sodom's offer of treasures but he still was learning to trust and God reassures Abram that HE is his shield, don't be afraid. I'll reward you Abram. Next Abram gets down to the nitty gritty with his questions regarding God's covenant with him.

**Lord** - 'ădônây :- Master

**God** - yehôvih :- Pronounced by the Jews as Yaweh. Spelled YHWH is a proper name for God.

So Abram addresses God in the most formal and respectful manner that he could in vs 2 as he delicately begins to question God.

**Gen 15:2-3** But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" (3) Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"

Who will be my heir? He suggests that maybe God could use his head servant Eliazer of Damascus, a servant born (joined freely as a servant), I'm childless God, will you give me him as my heir?

Now, God's response is like sitting in front of a stereo and when you turn it on, the sound was set all the way up and it blows your hair back! God says to Abram **NO!** It's almost like a parent saying to a child (**I've already told you....**) Your heir will be of your own DNA.

Gen 15:4-5 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." (5) Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

God physically took him out of the tent and made him look up into heaven to see the stars. This is how many descendants you will have. Abram must have been overwhelmed to see on this clear night the numerous stars in Heaven and to try to grasp what God had said. Maybe he didn't fully comprehend it but in the next verse Abram totally and completely believes in God. This is a scripture that is of utmost importance to all believers.

**Gen 15:6** And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

