

## **July 23 – Small Groups - Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18a “Jehovah Magen”**

### **Read Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18a**

1. (vs. 1) “After these things”. At the beginning of the sermon Tim shared the circumstances that had led Abram to a place of fear. What in your life at present is a source of fear?
2. What do we often want God to do for us in that place of fear? What does God do for Abram and what is his response?
3. (vs. 2-3) Abram responds to God by articulating his anguished doubt. How do we normally respond to our feelings of anger, doubt, and confusion with God? What does Abram invite us to?
4. How does God respond to Abram’s honest wrestling? Can we expect the same?

In response to Abram’s final expression of anguished fear and doubt God cuts a covenant with him where He takes all the consequences for either God’s or Abram’s or Abram’s descendants’ failure to live in accordance with it.

5. How is this story the best lens for looking at the work of Jesus on the cross?
6. **Read Mark 15:33-39.** How does Jesus ultimately fulfill the truth of God as “Jehovah Magen”? How can beholding Jesus as Jehovah Magen assist us in addressing our fears?