

**WHEN
PLAN B
COMES BEFORE
PLAN A**

Genesis 15

Romans 8:28

“... we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”

**"To YOUR OFFSPRING I
will give this land."**

Genesis 12:7

**What Happens When
We don't Think Plan A
Is Going To Happen?**

**"Do not be afraid,
Abram. I am your
shield, your very great
reward."**

(Genesis 15:1)

Genesis 15:2-3

"But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

Abram's Thinking.....

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How Does God Respond?

“How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?”

Psalms 13:1-2

**How long, O LORD, must I call
for help, but you do not
listen? Or cry out to you,
"Violence!" but you do not
save?**

Habakkuk 1:2

**How Does God
Respond?**

Let's Go Outside

"This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

Genesis 15:4-5

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Abraham needed Assurance

“Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

(Romans 6:1-4)

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- 3. You're Not Ready**

“Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!”

Psalms 27:14

“The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.”

Lamentations 3:25-26

“...those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

Isaiah 40:31

James 1:2-4

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

**Let's Wait On
God For
Plan A**