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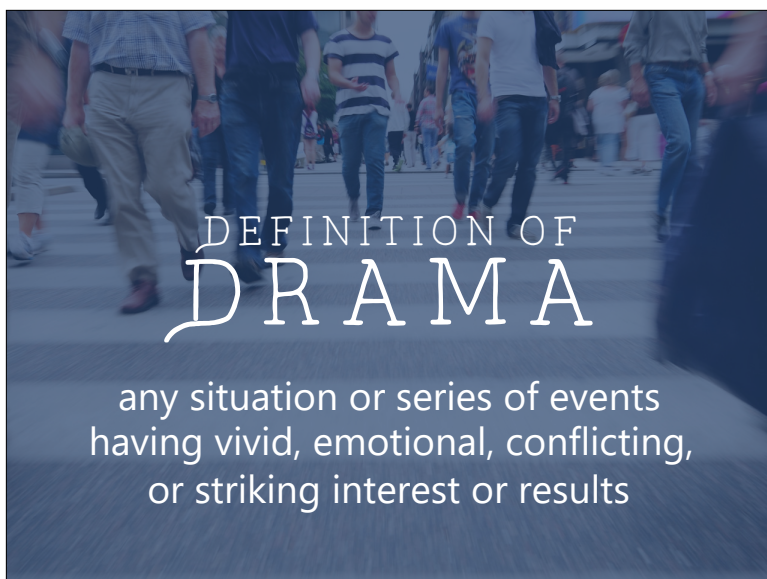
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DEFINITION OF  
DRAMA

any situation or series of events  
having vivid, emotional, conflicting,  
or striking interest or results

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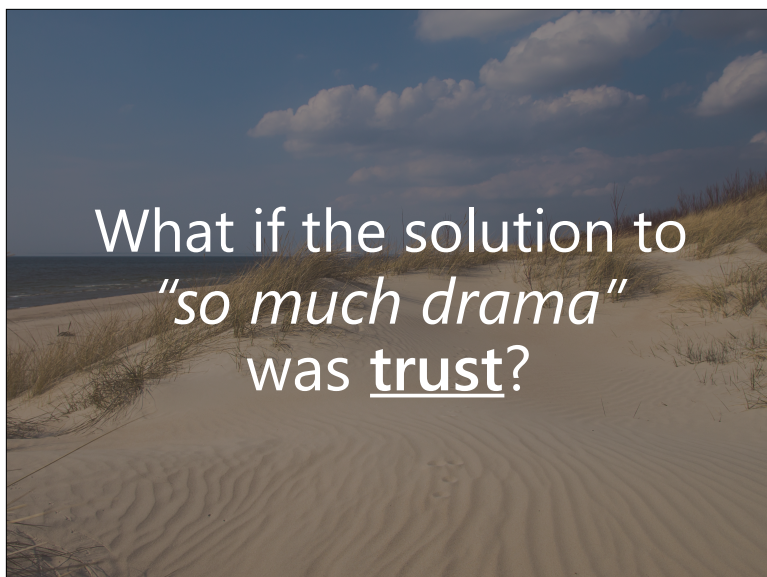
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What if the solution to  
*"so much drama"*  
was trust?

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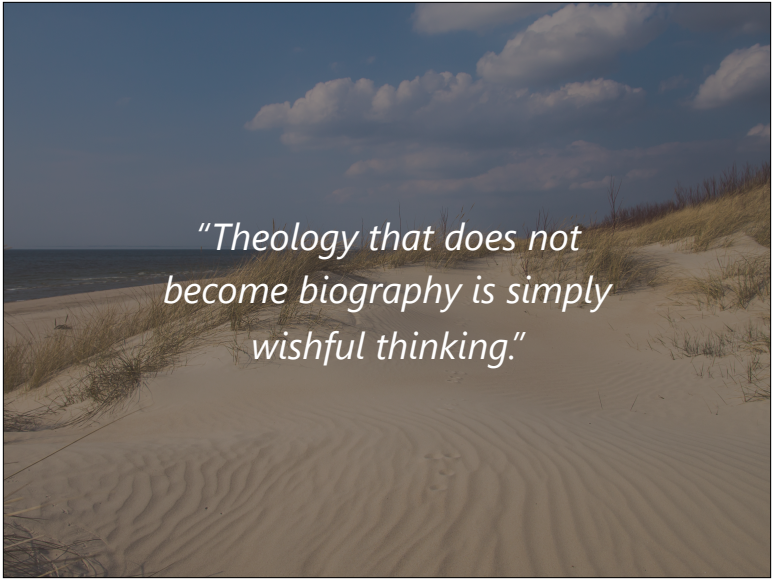
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*"Theology that does not  
become biography is simply  
wishful thinking."*

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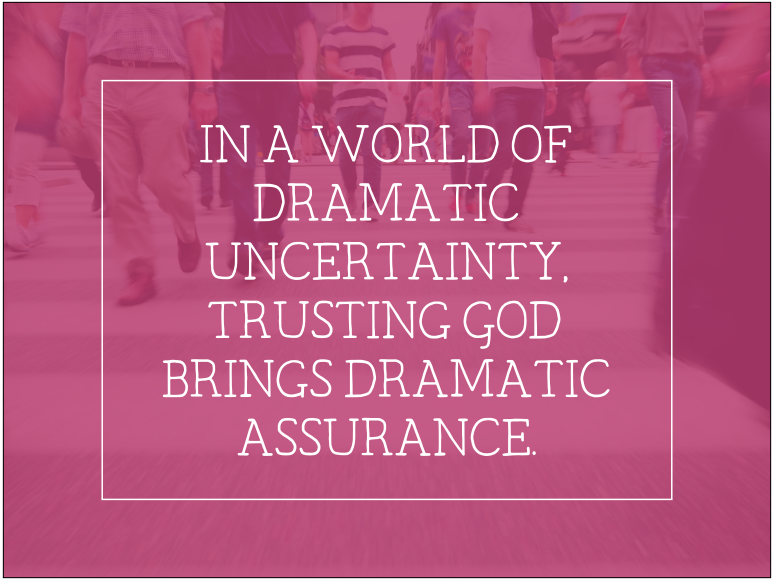
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**In order to appreciate Abraham's  
story or any particular story in  
the Old Testament,**

It helps to embrace the axiom:  
*"there's always more to the story".*

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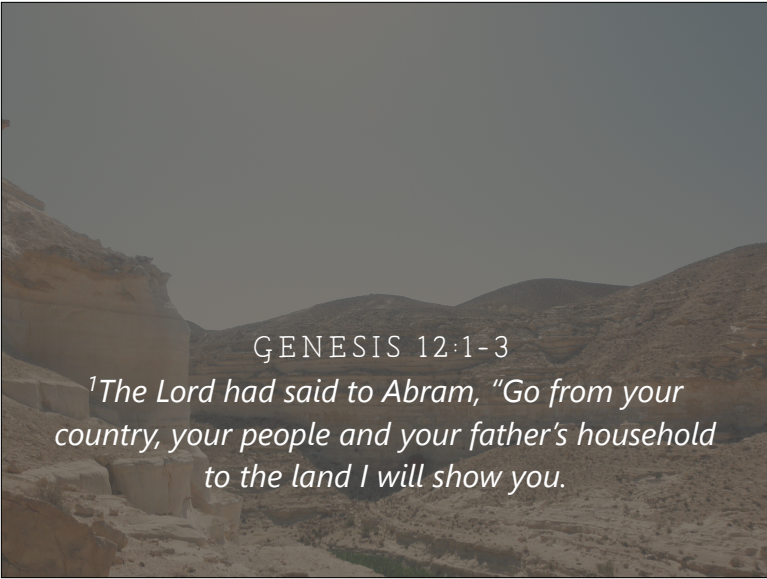
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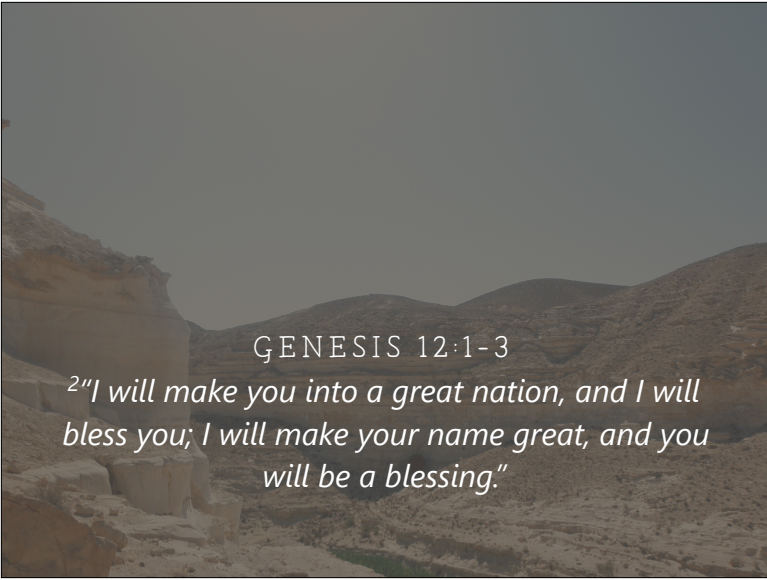
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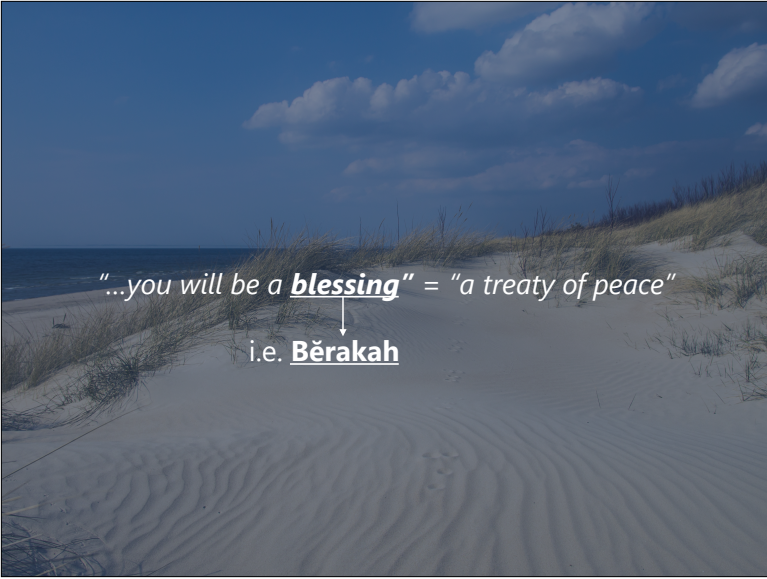
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GENESIS 12:1-3

*<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

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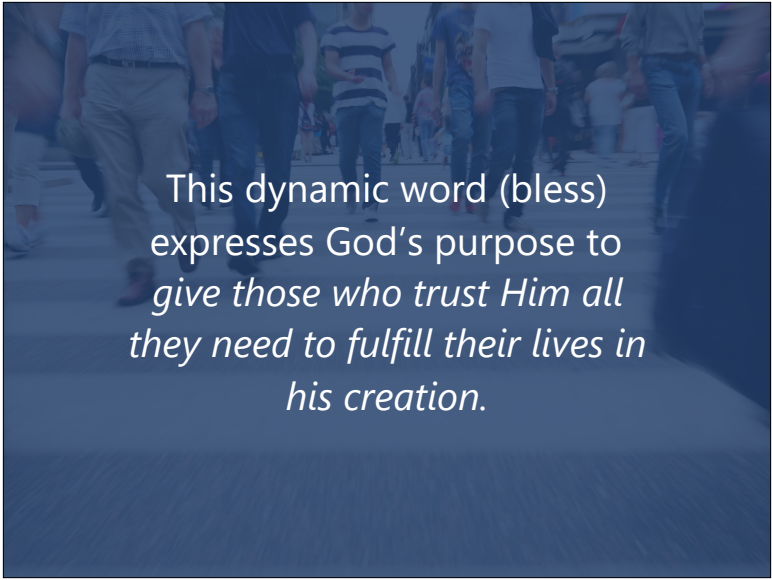
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This dynamic word (bless) expresses God's purpose to *give those who trust Him all they need to fulfill their lives in his creation.*

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GENESIS 12:4-5

*<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. <sup>5</sup> He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.*

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## 2 CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD'S CALL TO TRUST HIM

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### THE POWER OF THE CALL

*absolutely necessary and  
absolutely gracious*

*"The Bible intends its message to be  
translated into human lives, not simply  
intellectualized."*

Dr. Ronald E. Wright, Vanguard University



## 2 CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD'S CALL TO TRUST HIM

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### THE RADICAL NATURE OF THE CALL





## IT IS PERSONALLY RADICAL

*Have you met God **yourself**?*

*Have you **encountered Him** yourself?*

*Have you **responded** yourself?*

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## IT IS VOLITIONALLY RADICAL

*the call of God is a  
surrender of the will.*

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## IT IS MISSION-ALY RADICAL

*"where can I most  
**BE** a blessing?"*

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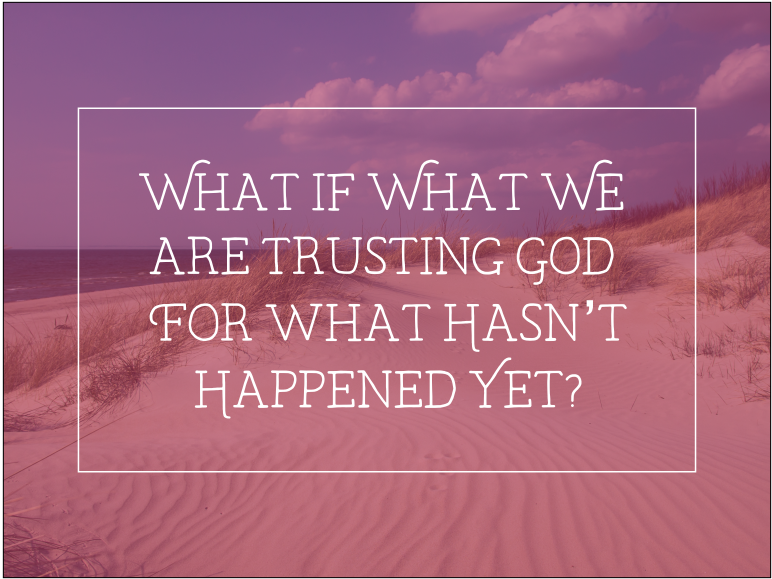
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WHAT IF WHAT WE  
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FOR WHAT HASN'T  
HAPPENED YET?

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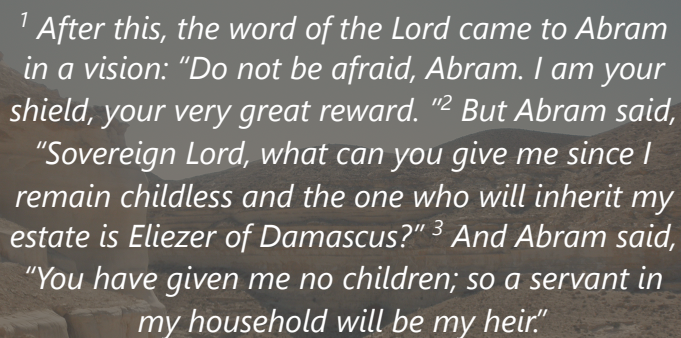
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GENESIS 15:1-5



<sup>1</sup> After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

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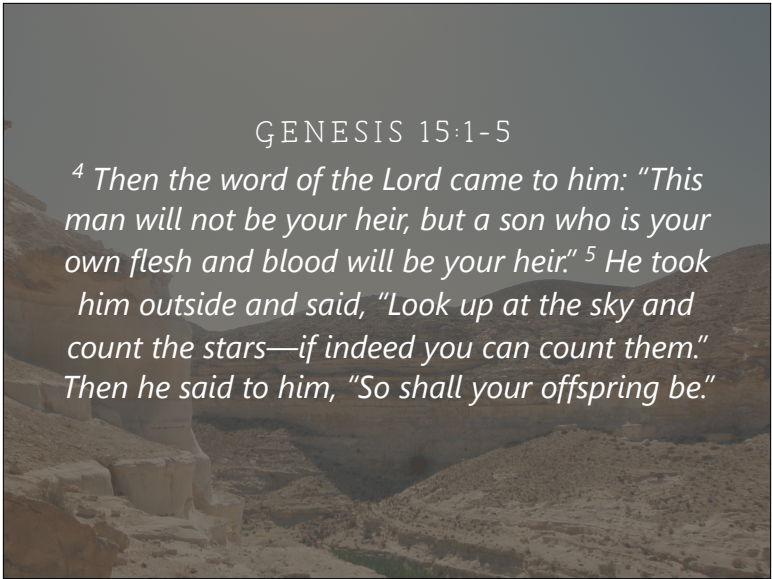
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GENESIS 15:1-5



<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

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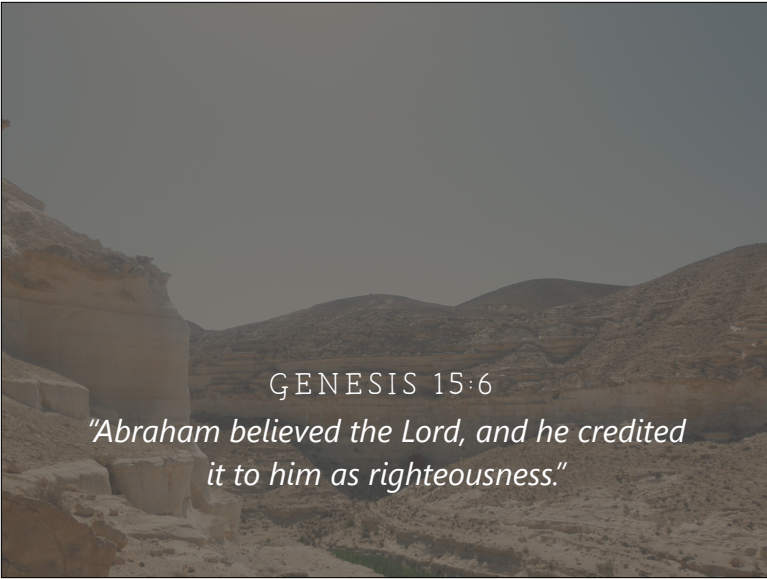
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GENESIS 15:6

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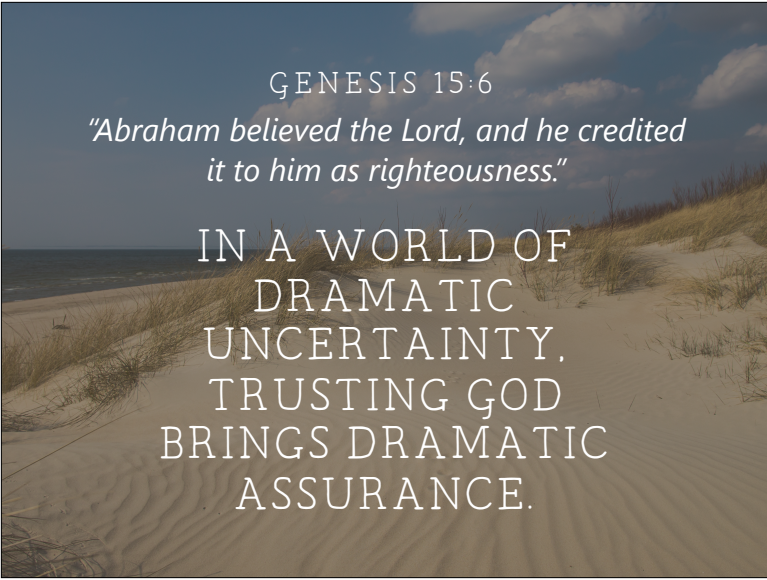
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