

Jesus shows us that he is willing to sacrifice everything in order to serve the world he loves; service takes commitment.

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18 (NIV)

¹ 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.” ² 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?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.” ⁴ 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.” ⁵ 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.” ⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. ⁷ He also said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.” ⁸ But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?” ⁹ So the LORD said to him, “Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰ Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. ¹¹ Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.

¹⁷ When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—

Luke 13:31–35 (NIV)

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’” ³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! ³⁴ “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The Commitment to Serve

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Luke 13:31-35



covenant ritual: _____ is moving between
these cut up pieces of animals

the fox and the hen: _____ will stand
between the danger and the ones he loves

Jesus commits himself to service that
involves _____

let the Holy Spirit stretch my commitment:
one opportunity when I can _____ instead
of _____

The Commitment to Serve

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Luke 13:31-35



Understanding the Bible:

What is the problem being expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

What are the two different kinds of animals that Jesus talks about in today's passage?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: Luke 13:31-35

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

R	N	H	S	G	A	V	R	E	A	C	H
T	E	L	E	A	V	E	L	J	V	U	H
D	X	L	X	R	H	P	R	E	S	S	C
H	T	A	S	T	O	M	O	R	R	O	W
D	T	T	A	E	S	D	N	U	D	M	E
G	P	G	P	H	A	R	I	S	E	E	S
M	R	D	O	N	I	I	C	A	M	E	L
I	O	E	Y	P	D	V	J	L	O	N	Y
R	P	P	P	P	Y	I	V	E	N	E	P
R	H	E	A	L	I	N	G	M	S	N	I
T	E	L	L	A	I	G	O	A	L	U	U
K	T	I	O	C	L	E	C	N	T	J	S
Y	K	S	M	E	T	O	D	A	Y	D	P

At that time **some Pharisees came** to **Jesus** and **said** to him, “**Leave** this **place** and go somewhere **else**. **Herod** wants to **kill** you.” He **replied**, “Go **tell** that fox, ‘I will **keep** on **driving** out **demons** and **healing** **people** **today** and **tomorrow**, and on the third day I will **reach** my **goal**.’ In any **case**, I must **press** on **today** and **tomorrow** and the **next** day—for surely no **prophet** can die outside **Jerusalem!** “**Jerusalem, Jerusalem**, you who **kill** the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to **gather** your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I **tell** you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”