

# FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH XI

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Genesis 17:1-8

## READ

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## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. The LORD, after a silence of thirteen years, appears to Abram for a sixth time (v. 1). What should we *not* assume about the (apparent) silences of God (and why)?
2. Reflect on the simple statement, “and God talked with him” (v. 3). (What does this convey?)
3. What does the LORD introducing Himself as *God Almighty* (v. 1) contribute to Abram’s unfolding understanding of the LORD? How does it influence their relationship?
4. What is most noteworthy about this iteration of the LORD’s promises to Abram (vv. 2-8)? (How does it differ? Why cite it this way now?)
5. Name changes are significant events (c.f., Genesis 32:24-30; Matthew 16:13-18). Why is this significant for Abram (v. 5)?

6. How is the beneficiary of the LORD's covenant to respond (v. 1b)?

Why would we respond similarly?

- Galatians 4:28
- Romans 9:8

7. Define what it is to *walk* before the LORD. What is such a walk to look like?

- Ephesians 4:1
- Ephesians 5:2
- Ephesians 5:8
- Ephesians 5:15

8. What does it mean for us to “be blameless” (Ephesians 1:3-4; 5:27)? Why does this matter?

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will attend to my manner of life before the Lord this week by . . .

I will seek consistency & integrity before the LORD this week by . . .