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### **The faithfulness of the Father: *The Blood Path Covenant***

**Gen. 15:7-16** *He also said to him, "I Am the LORD, Who brought you out of the Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it." But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?" 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." 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. Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will come out with great possessions. You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure."* (NIV)

Our God is faithful. In the very early days, the blood path covenant was used to make a pact with someone else. The animals were cut in two and placed on each side of a ditch where the blood would then gather. Each of the parties would then walk down through the trough of blood signifying that this is what should happen to them if they did not keep their end of the covenant. The LORD told Abram that He was going to walk this path for him knowing that it was not possible for Abram to remain sinless. What an amazing picture this is and a foretelling of the covenant that the LORD has made for every person who will trust in Him for salvation. As Jesus met with His disciples to take the Passover, He made an important statement to them. **Luke 22:19-20** *And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you."* (NIV) Jesus walked the blood path for us on the cross. He surrendered His very life's blood to cover our sins. He is the Lamb of God that was slain for us. Abram knew he couldn't keep his end of the covenant, and neither can we. So, the LORD walked the path for us. He took our blame. He walked the blood path for you and me. **Rom. 5:8** *But God demonstrated His love for us in this; while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.* (NIV)

**Dear LORD, oh that You would do this for us. We couldn't keep our end of the covenant. We deserve to be separated from You. But God.... In Jesus Name, Amen**