

**It's CRUNCH Time**  
**Trusting God as Your Source, and Not Just a Resource**  
**Lesson 1**

**Genesis 15:1-18**

The primary focus of this particular series of teachings is for you to learn to trust God as your source and not just a resource. This series of teachings is designed to encourage and empower you to trust God in the most trying of times. I want to show you how to apply the principles of God's Word in crisis situations so that you can bring forth the victories that God intends for you to have.

In the selected text, Abram's just had a victory, but he's a little unsettled now because of the possible retaliation of the enemy he just defeated. So God comes to him and says, Abram, fear not. This is because, unless I know God is my protector, it's hard for me to focus on my future, constantly looking over my shoulder.

Crunch time is a point in life where the odds of success are against you. It's a time in life when if you don't make the right choice you could derail your destiny. It is also a point in life where if you compromise, you could destroy your character.

There are three dynamics to crunch time faith.

1. Devastating situations
2. Destiny situations
3. Defining situations

**Read Mark 5:21-25, 34-36**

Here is a devastating situation. He has come because he believes that Jesus is his source, but in the midst of faith, fear attacks him.

Fear is that state of mind that rises out of an awareness of approaching danger and it is normally accompanied by a sense of loss.

**Read 2 Timothy 1:7**

It is important to note that fear is a personal thing.

**Read 2 Kings 6:8-17**

Here are two men in the same situation: one is full of fear and the other is full of faith. The difference is that one of them had a spiritual perspective on the situation.

To be tempted to fear is OK. Temptation is not the problem, it's only when you act on it.

**Read Exodus 3:1-4**

**Read Psalm 56:4, 11**

Fear can be controlled.