

Genesis 17:15-21, 18:1-15

Current situation:

- 20+ years since original promise of offspring
- Abram is 100 years old, Sarai is 90 years old

Genesis 17:15-16, 19, 21

- Specific promise regarding Sarah

Genesis 17:17, 18:12

- Abraham and Sarah both laughed
- Belief in the promise, details are incomprehensible

*Romans 4:20-21 Abraham believed

Genesis 18:13-14 *“Why did Sarah laugh?... Is anything too hard for God?”*

Matthew 19:26 with God all things are possible.

We live between belief and unbelief

Mark 9:22b-24 *“But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out[d] and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”*

OUR CONFUSION, IMPATIENCE AND EVEN DISBELIEF DO NOT INVALIDATE GOD’S PROMISED GOODNESS

Psalm 73

*But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,
my steps had nearly slipped.*

*For I was envious of the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.*

...

*But when I thought how to understand this,
it seemed to me a wearisome task,
until I went into the sanctuary of God;*

...

*you hold my right hand.
You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.*

...

*My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

Application:

KNOW GOD'S PROMISES TO YOU

- John 1:12 right to be called a child of God
- Ephesians 2:8-9 saved by grace, his workmanship
- Hebrews 13:5 never leave you or forsake you
- Philippians 4:19 supply all your needs
- Philippians 4:6-7 hear your worries and give you peace
- Proverbs 3:5-6 trust him and he will lead you
- I Corinthians 12:18 you belong and have a contribution to make

SLOW DOWN TO PAY ATTENTION – INTENTIONAL AND LISTENING --

- **Colossians 3:1-2** set heart and mind on things above
- **Romans 12: 2** be transformed by renewing of your mind

PERSEVERE IN FAITHFUL PATIENCE

- God's timing is independent of our expectations
II Peter 3:9 James 5:7-8