

Devotion 4: The God Who Chooses the Unlikely

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Scripture: *Genesis 18:11–14a*

“Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of natural women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, ‘After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?’ The LORD said to Abraham, ‘Why did Sarah laugh? ... Is anything too hard for the LORD?’”

Devotion

If you were picking teams for kickball, would you choose the smallest kid first? Probably not. We tend to pick the strongest, the fastest, the most talented. But God doesn't pick the way we do. When God decided to bless all nations through one family, He chose Abram—a man with no children. And Abram's wife Sarah was unable to have children. If the whole plan depended on having descendants as numerous as the stars, this looked like a terrible starting point! But that's exactly the point. God chose someone who couldn't accomplish the plan on his own so that everyone would know it was God's work, not man's. When Sarah finally did have a son, they named him Isaac, which means “laughter,” because Sarah had laughed at the very idea. God has a habit of choosing the unlikely. He chose a shepherd boy named David to be king. He chose fishermen to be apostles. He chose a manger in Bethlehem for the birth of His Son. And He chooses to work through ordinary people like you and me. The things we think disqualify us—our weakness, our smallness, our doubts—are exactly the places where God loves to show His power.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever felt too small or too weak for something God might be calling you to do?
2. Why do you think God likes to work through unlikely people?
3. What is something “impossible” that you could trust God with today?

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, nothing is too hard for You. Forgive us for thinking we are too small or too weak for Your plans. Help us to trust that Your power is made perfect in our weakness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Family Action Item: As a family, each person names one thing they think they're “not good enough” for. Then pray together, asking God to work through those very weaknesses this week.