

Biblical Foundations

FAITH IN ACTION

TITLE: Faith For The Impossible

Central Question....

What does a life of faith look like?

Key Text: Hebrews 11:1-3 (NLT)

Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence 1 of things we cannot see.

Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.

Key Text: Hebrews 11:11-12 (NLT)

It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. She believed that God would keep his promise. And so a whole nation came from this one man who was as good as dead—a nation with so many people that, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them.

PROMISED RECEIVED

Genesis 11:29-30 (ESV)

And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah. Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.

BARREN IDENTITY

PROMISE ANNOUNCED

Genesis 12:1-3 (ESV)

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

Romans 12:3 (NASB)

*For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, **as God has allotted [distributed] to each a measure of faith.***

FAITH IS THE CURRENCY THAT TRANSACTS A NEW INDEITY

PROMISED DELAYED

Genesis 16:1-2 (ESV)

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Go into my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

Genesis 16:3-4 (ESV)

So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress.

IN DELAYS WE CAN GET IMPATIENT

IN DELAYS GOD IS AT WORK

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God

Genesis 21:1-2 (ESV)

The Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised. And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him.

PROMISE FULFILLED

Genesis 18:10-13 (ESV)

The LORD said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of 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?'

Genesis 18:14-15 (ESV)

The LORD said to Abraham, ‘Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.’ But Sarah denied it, saying, ‘I did not laugh,’ for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.

THERE IS MORE TO THE STORY THAN WHAT YOU SEE

Genesis 21:2 (NKJV)

For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV)

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

GOD'S DELAYS ARE NOT GOD'S DENIALS

Romans 14:1 (ESV)

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters

Luke 17:5 (ESV)

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.'

FAITH IN MOTION PLEASES GOD

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.