

## Love Stories—3

### When Love Feels Like a Letdown

**We don't just invite God into our relationships.  
We build our relationships around Him.**

#### **1. A God-centered love trusts God even when the future is unclear.**

*The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others.”*

Genesis 12:1-2 NLT

*So Abram departed as the LORD had instructed ... Genesis 12:4 NLT*

**You just need the faith to take the next step.**

*Some time later ... Genesis 15:1 NLT*

#### **2. A God-centered love forgives—and trusts even after the mistakes.**

#### **3. A God-centered love waits even when hope runs out.**

*Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. ...*

Romans 4:18 NLT

*Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, ‘Can an old woman like me have a baby?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”* Genesis 18:13-14 NLT

## **Nothing is too hard for the Lord.**

*The LORD kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised.* Genesis 21:1 NLT

### **TALK IT OVER**

Read **Romans 4:18**. What has God called you to do? How can you continue working toward that calling, even during seasons of waiting?

Talk about a time when you offered forgiveness and trust to someone after they made a mistake. How did that impact your relationship over time?

If you're dating or married, what's one step you can take to build your relationship around God this week?

If you're single, what's one step you can take to build an important relationship around God this week?