**CHRISTMAS SERIES - WORTH THE WAIT** 

# WRITING ON GOD'S PROMISE

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# Patience is one of the most difficult traits!

#### Genesis 12:1-3 (NIV)

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

# GOD'S PROMISES ARE TRUE even when they feel far away!

# **Genesis 15:3-6** (NIV)

And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars--if indeed you can count them." Then He said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Abram believed the LORD, and He credited it to him as righteousness.

#### Genesis 18:13-14 (NIV)

Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."



# Don't try **TO CONTROL** the time of the promise!

# **Genesis 16:1-2** (NLT)

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had not been able to bear children for him. But she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar. So Sarai said to Abram, "The LORD has prevented me from having children. Go and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her." And Abram agreed with Sarai's proposal.

# **Genesis 17:4-5** (NLT)

This is my covenant with you: I will make you the father of a multitude of nations! What's more, I am changing your name. It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham, for you will be the father of many nations.

#### Genesis 21:1 (NIV)

Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what He had promised.

#### HOLD ONTO THE PROMISES OF GOD WHILE WE WAIT

 Wisdom
 (James 1:5; Prov 2:1-6)

 Strength in weakness
 (Isa 40:31; 2 Cor 12:9-10)

 Peace
 (John 14:27; Phil 4:6-7)

 Provision
 (Matt 6:33; Phil 4:19)

Guidance (Ps 32:8)

God hears prayer. (Ps 34:17; Matt 7:7-11) Spiritual Growth (Phil 1:6; 1 Thess 5:23-24) God's discipline and fatherly care (Heb 12:6; Prov 3:11-12)

God's Presence (Gen 28:15; Josh 1:5; Isa 43:2; Matt 28:20)

God's Faithfulness (Deut 7:9; Lam 3:22–23; 1 Cor 1:9)

God's Love and Compassion
God's Justice
God's Protection and Care
God will redeem His people
A future Messiah / Deliverer

(Ex 34:6-7; Rom 8:35-39)
(Amos 5:24; Isa 61:8)
(Psalm 23; Psalm 91)
(Isa 43:1; Exod 6:6)
(Isa 9:6-7: Micah 5:2)

Forgiveness of sin and justification (Isa 53; Dan 9:24; Rom 3:21-26)

Eternal life and resurrection (Isa 26:19; Dan 12:2–3; Jhn 11:25–26; 1 Cor 15)

#### **NEXT WEEK: WORTH THE WAIT-PART 2**

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Thank you for joining us!