



Hebrews 11:11

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Sermon Summary

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?" 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."

Genesis 18:10-15

By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.

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Diving Into The Message

1. By Faith Sarah herself...

12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?"
13 The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'
14 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."
15 But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

Genesis 18:13-15

2. Sarah herself Received Power...

At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.

Genesis 18:14

3. Sarah herself received power To Conceive...

1 The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. 2 And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. 3 Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac.

Genesis 21:1-3

4. Sarah herself Considered Him Faithful Who Had Promised.

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5. Epilogue: Remember Lot's Wife

But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

Genesis 19:26

Luke 17:32

- Don't Look Back
- Remember the Promise
- Ask for the Power
- Keep the Faith



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Life Application Questions

1. What promises did God make to Abraham? (Genesis 12:1-4; 13:14-17; 15:1-6; 17:1-7)
2. Why did Abraham question God about his offspring? (Genesis 15:2-3) What did Abraham do because he was impatient? (Genesis 16:1-5) Have you ever become impatient with God and acted in disobedience?
3. Why did Sarah laugh when she overheard the Lord say to Abraham that within the next year she would have a child? (Genesis 18:10-15)
4. Why did Sarah lie about laughing? What happened to change her mind leading her to have faith as recorded in Hebrews 11:11?
5. Where did the power come from that caused Sarah to conceive?
6. What limits God? (Our lack of faith! - God is not limited but we are! Our lack of faith may cause Him to move to someone with faith.) (Matthew 13:53-58)
7. In what areas of your life is God calling you to trust Him? Will you Consider Him Faithful Who Has Promised? Sarah did and it landed her in the Hall of Faith!

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