

Open It!

Share about a time you had a good laugh.

Discuss It!

What have you learned about God from Genesis 17:1-18:15?

What have you learned about yourself? How are you like Abram?
How are you like Sarah?

What have you learned about laughter?

What ongoing issue was God using to stretch and grow Abram and Sarai's faith?

What ongoing issue is God using to stretch and grow your faith?

Why did Abram and Sarai laugh at God's word, His promise (17:17; 18:10-12)?

Have you ever laughed at the promises of God? Have you ever found them at odds with your present circumstances?

In what circumstance(s) do you find yourself questioning God?

Over what unanswered prayer do you find yourself blaming God?

Live It!

God is growing your faith at the intersection of His promise and your present circumstances.

Pray

Lord, I surrender this matter to you. Remind me of your promises. Grow my faith. Bring me to maturity in Christ. Provide me the gift of an Isaac moment, that I might enjoy laugh-out-loud faith! Amen.

Read and Reflect on Psalm 126.

What promise Has God given you?

Practice Joyous, Laugh-Out-Loud Faith!

By Faith! The Life of Abraham

Laugh Out-loud Faith

Genesis 17:1 – 18:15

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Sermon Premise

God grows our faith at the intersection of His promise and our impossible circumstances providing us an Isaac moment, an opportunity for laugh-out-loud faith.

Abraham Laughs and Exposes the Limits of His Faith.

Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"

Genesis 17:17 (ESV)

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Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised. ² Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him.

Genesis 21:1–2 (NIV)

⁶ Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me."

Genesis 21:6 (NIV)

Sarah Laughs and Exposes the Limits of Her Faith

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. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?"

Genesis 18:10–12 (ESV)

God Speaks and Acts to Provide You a Life-long Reason for Joyous Laugh-Out-Loud Faith!

When the Lord [did as He promised] we thought we were dreaming. At that time we laughed loudly and shouted for joy.

Psalms 126:1–2 (NET)