

Beginnings: Abraham: The Seeds of Faith
When God Answers Big
Genesis 17 & 18:1-15
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I. _____ of the Promise (verses 1-8):

- A. Why it was “_____” (verse 1a).
- B. Why it would be made _____ (verse 1b-2).
- C. How _____ it would be (verses 3-8).

II. _____ in the promise (9-14):

- A. We have _____ though obedience doesn't _____ (see Genesis 17:1-2).
- B. Being _____ is the NT equivalent of circumcision (Colossians 2:6-15).
- C. _____ becomes a _____ of the fact that our heart has been “circumcised”.

III. _____ of the promise (verses 15-22):

- A. _____ it would come through: (verses 15-16).
- B. A natural _____ (verses 17-18).
- C. A detailed _____ (verses 19-22).

IV. _____ of the promise (18:9-15):

- A. The _____ of the guests (verses 9-10).
- B. A _____ response (verses 10b-12).
- C. Is _____ too hard for the _____? (verse 14).

Some thoughts to take home:

- Is your situation impossible?
- Does resolution seem laughable?
- Can God care for it?
- Will you trust Him?

This Week's Songs:
Your Grace Is Enough
Blessed Assurance
Man of Sorrows
Here I Am to Worship

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Small Group Questions

*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

The COMMUNITY:

1. Do you have a favorite college basketball team? If so, will they win the national championship this year?

Into the WORD/APPLICATION:

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: blueletterbible.org, desiringgod.org/articles/all, biblos.com, ccel.org, logos.com, connect.ligonier.org, thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology.

1. Read Genesis 17:1-14. In this passage we see God reminding Abram of His covenant to make him the father of many nations.

A. What characteristic does God declare in verse one?

B. What action did God want from Abraham?

C. How did Abraham respond?

D. How should we respond to God's promises?

2. Read Genesis 17: 15-17 and 18: 10-15, we see that Abraham and Sarah laugh at the "notion" that he and Sarah would conceive a child.

A. Why do you think Abraham reacted this way?

B. What are some ways we react like Abraham and Sarah?

3. In Genesis 17:23, we see Abraham taking the next step in obedience as God fulfills His promise of making Abraham the father of a great nation. What is your next step of obedience?