

Genesis 15 - 22

Abraham, Sarah & Isaac

Abraham was counted as 'righteous' by God because of his faith (Genesis 15:6), but he still experienced moments of doubt and imperfection.

Abraham and Sarah learned to trust God's promises over their own understanding, tested Abraham's faith, and God prophetically revealed His plan to provide Jesus, the Lamb of God, for the salvation of the world.



Genesis 15:2

Abraham & Sarah were childless.

BUT...
GOD MADE A!
PROMISE!

“And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.” Then He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

Genesis 15:4-5 NKJV

'And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.' - Genesis 15:6

Abraham: “Labelled righteous for his Faith”

But He relied on his own understanding and listened to his wife, Sarah when she said: The Lord restrained her from bearing children and to go into her Maidservant, Hagar (Genesis 16:2).

Hagar conceived a child named Ishmael who was not the promised child (Genesis 16). This resulted in jealousy and mistreatment from Sarah (Genesis 16:5).

Despite Abraham's mistake, God reaffirmed His promise that he would have the promised son (Genesis 17:15).

‘Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, “Shall a child be born to a man who is *one hundred years old*? And shall Sarah, *who is ninety years old, bear a child?*”

Genesis 17:17

Faith Over Fear: Choosing God's Promise Over Human Logic (Sarah's Perspective)

Sarah laughed within herself, saying, “After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?” (Genesis 18:11-12).

God responded: Is anything too hard for The Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.” (Genesis 18:14)

Abraham and Sarah had to let go of human reasoning and trust completely in God's promise, knowing that God never lies, never goes back on His Word, and has power beyond human understanding (Numbers 23:19; Hebrews 6:18).

Abraham's Testimony shows us that God is not looking for perfection, but for a loyal heart that is willing to trust Him, even through moments of doubt (1 Chronicles 28:9–20; James 3:17).

So, what was the outcome?
Genesis 21

Isaac was born!



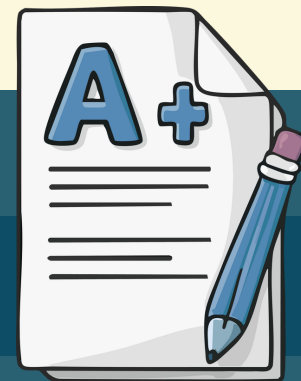
Genesis 21-22 The Promised Child

Isaac's birth to Abraham and Sarah in their old age was a miracle that demonstrated God's faithfulness to keep His promises despite human doubt and misunderstanding (Genesis 17:15–27; Genesis 21:1–7).



Genesis 22:1-2

The Test of Faith.



Abraham faced a true test of faith when God asked him to offer up the son He had promised him.

- Genesis 12:7-8; Genesis 13:18; Genesis 22:9.

This test pointed to God's greater plan of salvation.

The angel of the Lord stopped Abraham from slaying his son at the altar (Genesis 22:11-13).

God provided the ram, a male sheep, in place of Abraham's son as a prophetic testimony of Jesus, the lamb of God, being sacrificed for us all (John 1:29, Hebrews 9:28, 1 Peter 1:18-19, Isaiah 53:7).

It isn't easy to have faith in God especially when faith is in the unseen not the seen (Hebrews 11:1-6).

Like us, Abraham would have experienced much turmoil and spiritual warfare walking to the place God commanded, and preparing the altar to sacrifice his promised son, Isaac; Yet Abraham surrendered to God's command and trusted in God's promise to him and Sarah: their promised child and desendants (Genesis 15:5).

Abraham called the place, "The- Lord -Will-Provide" as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided." - Genesis 22:14

Have you experienced a moment where you had to let go of your own understanding and have faith in God's promises?

Hebrews 11:8-19

"By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense."

"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

"By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore."

"And not being weak in faith, he (Abraham) did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God" (Romans 4:19-20).

