



## “Is Anything Too Hard for the LORD?”

9/29/24 Text: Genesis 18:1-15

### I. The hospitality of Abraham (vs. 1-8)

- A. Abraham worked swiftly.
- B. Abraham was prepared to serve.
- C. Abraham demonstrated humility.

### II. The promise of offspring (vs. 9-15)

- A. Sarah will give birth to a son (Gen. 15:4; 17:16, 19).

Genesis 18:9-10 - *Then they said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” So he said, “Here, in the tent.”*<sup>10</sup> *And He said, “I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son.”* (Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.)

- B. Sarah laughs at the announcement.

Genesis 18:11-12 - *Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing.*<sup>12</sup> *Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, “After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?”*

- C. Nothing is too hard (lit. “wonderful”) for the LORD.

Genesis 18:13-15 - *And the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?’”*<sup>14</sup> *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.”*

<sup>15</sup> *But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. And He said, “No, but you did laugh!”*

### III. Application.

A. We all can learn and grow in the school of faith.  
Hebrews 11:11 - *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.*

Mark 9:23-24 - *Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”*

<sup>24</sup> *Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”*

B. God can perform wonders beyond our comprehension.  
Ephesians 3:20-21 - *Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,*<sup>21</sup> *to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*  
Genesis 15:1 - *After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.”*

### Next Week’s Sermon Text: Genesis 18:16-33

If you were to share a key insight from today’s sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

**Application Questions:** Am I willing to be hospitable to people from the church? Am I willing to be hospitable to people in my neighborhood? Is my family prepared to be hospitable to guest? Why did God again tell Abraham he was going to have a son through Sarah? What does Hebrews 11:11 say about Sarah’s faith? Name some of the wonders God has done, both in Scripture and in your own life.

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