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All scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.

## REVIEW

- ◆ Abram was an idol worshipper, called by God.
- ◆ God tells Abram that he will make him the father of many nations and immeasurable descendants.
- ◆ After 11 years of waiting on this promise, Abram and Sarai decide to make the promise happen. (It doesn't go well)
- ◆ God pursues Hagar and tells her she will have a son and many descendants as well.
- ◆ Then God goes silent for 13 years.
- ◆ It has been 24 years since the initial promise.

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## 1. THE PROCLAMATION

Genesis 17:1-5 (ESV)-When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

## 2. THE NEGOTIATION

Genesis 17:17-20 (ESV)- Then 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?" And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly.

## 3. THE PARTICIPATION

Genesis 17:26-27 (ESV)-That very day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised. And all the men of his house, those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

### Our Faith Grows When We Experience...

#### A. God's Sovereignty

Genesis 17:1 (ESV)-When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty...

#### B. God's Relationship

Genesis 17:2 (ESV)-walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you...

#### C. God's Perspective

Genesis 17:5 (ESV)- No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations

**Here Is The Point:** God's word never fails...