

MADE FOR MORE



MORE THAN DOUBT.

Abraham (named "Abram" at the time) was 75 years old when God first promised that he would become a "great nation."

After five, ten, and finally fifteen years of waiting, God hadn't sent one son, let alone a nation. Abraham tried to take things into his own hands and things got messy.

But finally, after *twenty-five years* of waiting, God gave Abraham and his wife Sarah a son. Abraham was one hundred years old.

It's so easy to doubt God's promises. It's so easy to doubt God's truth, doubt your own value, or doubt that God has any type of purpose or plan for you or I.

But while Abraham had to look to the *future* for God's fulfillment to a promise, *we* can look to the *past*. God already sent His Son Jesus to pay the price for us and secure our eternities. He's already kept the hardest, biggest promise.

Don't know if you're loved?

Look to the cross.

Don't feel like you belong?

Look to the cross.

Not sure if God can be trusted to keep his promises?

Look to the cross and have comfort!

IN THE BIBLE.

Genesis 15:2-6

But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Genesis 21:1-5

Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

Colossians 2:13-15

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

QUESTIONS.

1. What does doubt have to do with faith?
2. How can you seek God during periods of waiting?
3. What promises has God already kept for you?

Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?