

Week's Reflection

"Is Anything Too Hard for the Lord?" (Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7)

Last Sunday, we heard the story of Abraham and Sarah, a story of waiting, doubt, promise, and ultimately, God's faithfulness. We were reminded that what appears impossible from a human perspective is never impossible for God. Sarah laughed when she heard she would bear a child in her old age because she could not imagine how God's promise could still come true after so many years of waiting. Yet God remained faithful and fulfilled His promise exactly as He had said.

As we journey through this week, let us pause and reflect on the situations in our own lives where we may have quietly given up hope. Perhaps it is a relationship that needs healing, a loved one for whom we have prayed for years, a personal struggle that seems unchanging, or concerns about our future. Like Sarah, we can become so familiar with disappointment that hope feels unreasonable. Yet God's question remains before us: **"Is anything too hard for the Lord?"**

This question is not an invitation to ignore reality or pretend that difficulties do not exist. Rather, it is an invitation to trust that God's power and faithfulness are greater than our limitations. The same God who called Abraham, remembered Sarah, and fulfilled His promise after twenty-five years is still at work today. Often, we see only closed doors, but God sees possibilities beyond our imagination.

The sermon also reminded us that waiting is not wasted time. God's timing is often different from ours, but His delays are never His denials. The years of waiting became part of Abraham and Sarah's testimony. Sometimes God works in ways that can only be understood in hindsight. Our task is not to understand everything but to remain faithful while we wait.

Let us remember that God's faithfulness is not dependent on the strength of our faith but on His unchanging character. He remains faithful even when we struggle with doubt.

Action Points for the Week

1. Identify Your "Impossible" Situation

Take time this week to prayerfully identify one area of your life where you have lost hope or become discouraged. Write it down and place it before God each day in prayer.

2. Meditate on God's Question

Read Genesis 18:14 each morning:

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

Allow this question to shape your perspective whenever fear or doubt arises.

3. Practice Patient Trust

Instead of focusing on what God has not yet done, thank Him for ways He has been faithful in the past. Keep a gratitude journal and record at least one blessing each day.

4. Encourage Someone Else

Reach out to a person who may be struggling or waiting on God for an answer. Offer a word of encouragement, a prayer, or a simple act of kindness.

5. End Each Day with Thanksgiving

Before going to bed, reflect on where you saw God's presence during the day and offer a prayer of thanksgiving, trusting that He is working even when you cannot see the full picture.

Closing Prayer

Faithful God, when we are tempted to give up hope, remind us that nothing is too hard for You. Strengthen our faith during seasons of waiting, help us trust Your timing, and open our eyes to the ways You are at work in our lives. May we become people who live with hope, encourage one another, and testify to Your goodness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.