

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN



**For unto us a Child is born,**


**Unto us a Son is given;**

Isaiah 9:6a NKJV




# I. The story of the birth of Isaac.






**15 Then God said to Abraham, “Regarding Sarai, your wife—her name will no longer be Sarai. From now on her name will be Sarah. <sup>16</sup> And I will bless her and give you a son from her! Yes, I will bless her richly, and she will become the mother of many nations. Kings of nations will be among her descendants.”**




Genesis 17:15-19 NLT



**17 Then Abraham bowed down to the ground, but he laughed to himself in disbelief. “How could I become a father at the age of 100?” he thought. “And how can Sarah have a baby when she is ninety years old?” 18 So Abraham said to God, “May Ishmael live under your special blessing!”**



Genesis 17:15-19 NLT



**19 But God replied, “No—Sarah, your wife, will give birth to a son for you. You will name him Isaac, and I will confirm my covenant with him and his descendants as an everlasting covenant.”**



Genesis 17:15-19 NLT



**<sup>1</sup> The Lord appeared again to Abraham near the oak grove belonging to Mamre. One day Abraham was sitting at the entrance to his tent during the hottest part of the day. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and noticed three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran to meet them and welcomed them, bowing low to the ground.**



Genesis 18:1-14 NLT



**3 “My lord,” he said, “if it pleases you, stop here for a while. 4 Rest in the shade of this tree while water is brought to wash your feet. 5 And since you’ve honored your servant with this visit, let me prepare some food to refresh you before you continue on your journey.”**



Genesis 18:1-14 NLT





**“All right,” they said. “Do as you have said.”**

**<sup>6</sup> So Abraham ran back to the tent and said to Sarah, “Hurry! Get three large measures of your best flour, knead it into dough, and bake some bread.” <sup>7</sup> Then**

Genesis 18:1-14 NLT





**Abraham ran out to the herd and chose a tender calf and gave it to his servant, who quickly prepared it. <sup>8</sup> When the food was ready, Abraham took some yogurt and milk and the roasted meat, and he served it to the men. As they ate, Abraham waited on them in the shade of the trees.**



Genesis 18:1-14 NLT



**9 “Where is Sarah, your wife?” the visitors asked.**

**“She’s inside the tent,” Abraham replied.**

**10 Then one of them said, “I will return to you about this time next year, and your wife, Sarah, will have a son!”**



Genesis 18:1-14 NLT



**Sarah was listening to this conversation from the tent. <sup>11</sup> Abraham and Sarah were both very old by this time, and Sarah was long past the age of having children. <sup>12</sup> So she laughed silently to herself and said, “How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure, especially when my master—my husband—is also so old?”**



Genesis 18:1-14 NLT



**13 Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, ‘Can an old woman like me have a baby?’ 14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”**

Genesis 18:1-14 NLT



**Why did Abraham and Sarah laugh?**

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**It was impossible physically.**

**Why did Abraham and Sarah laugh?**


**It was impossible physically.**

**It was impossible mentally.**





**Abraham and Sarah — like all of us —  
found it hard to trust God for more  
than what they could conceive of.**



**13 If we are unfaithful,  
he remains faithful,  
for he cannot deny who he is.**

2 Timothy 2:13 NLT



**<sup>1</sup> The Lord kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. <sup>2</sup> She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would. <sup>3</sup> And Abraham named their son Isaac. <sup>4</sup> Eight days after Isaac was born, Abraham circumcised him as God had commanded. <sup>5</sup> Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born.**

Genesis 21:1-7 NLT



**<sup>6</sup> And Sarah declared, “God has brought me laughter. All who hear about this will laugh with me. <sup>7</sup> Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse a baby? Yet I have given Abraham a son in his old age!”**

Genesis 21:1-7 NLT



**II. The birth of Isaac gives us the hope that God can accomplish the impossible.**





**17 “O Sovereign Lord! You made  
the heavens and earth by your  
strong hand and powerful arm.  
Nothing is too hard for you!”**


Jeremiah 32:17 NLT





**26 Then this message came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 27 “I am the Lord, the God of all the peoples of the world. Is anything too hard for me?”**


Jeremiah 32:26-27 NLT



**<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said,**


Luke 1:26-38 ESV





**“Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb**

Luke 1:26-38 ESV



**and bear a son, and you shall call his name  
Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the  
Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will  
give to him the throne of his father  
David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of  
Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be  
no end.”**


Luke 1:26-38 ESV

**34 And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”**

**35 And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be**

Luke 1:26-38 ESV





**called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.” <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.**

Luke 1:26-38 ESV



**III. What should we do when we  
face the impossible?**



**Embrace the God of the impossible.**





**27 Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God.”**

Mark 10:27 NLT



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There is no person too hard for the Lord to save.

