

## ABRAHAM: JOURNEY OF FAITH

Discussion Guide

Week 6 – February 24

IMPOSSIBLE MADE POSSIBLE | Genesis 18:1-15 / Genesis 21:1-7

### Introduction

In this week's text we learn from the example of Sarah and how she responds to the miraculous act of God in her life. While God delivers on His promise Sarah is "surprised" to say the least. Her response along with Abraham's response to the fulfillment of God's promise gives us a good opportunity to examine how we view God and what He is capable of doing.

From this text we'll consider what it means to have a "high view" of God and how having this kind of view dramatically affects our faith and our daily decisions.

### Read Genesis 18:1-15 / 21:1-7

#### Questions for Study:

1. Can you think of an instance in your life when you received news that seemed so far fetched that it made you laugh?
2. What was the promise that God gave to Abraham back in Genesis 12:2-3? At that time (thinking about Abraham's age) do you think it was hard for Abraham to believe that God would deliver on that promise and Sarah would become pregnant?
3. Have you ever seen God make "possible" what seemed "impossible"? What did this do for your faith? How does recounting this incident impact you?
4. By way of review from last week, see Genesis 16:1-2. How did Abraham and Sarah seek to take matters into their own hands regarding fulfilling God's promise in their lives? What did this approach lead to?
5. See Genesis 17:17. What was Abraham's (the man of faith) response as he is now nearing 100 years of age and he gets this news? See Genesis 18:12. What was Sarah's response? Put yourself in their shoes...how might you have responded?
6. Why did Abraham and Sarah respond to God with laughter? How did God respond? See Genesis 18:13-14.
7. After Isaac is born, Sarah's perspective changed. How would you describe what it means to have a "high view" of God?
8. Are there any areas in your life where you've become skeptical of God's ability to do the impossible? How does looking at a very real example like this reshape your perspective?