

"After I am worn out and my lord is old ..." (Gen 18:12)	
"Is anything too hard for the LORD?" (Gen 18:13-14)	Luke 1:37
"Sarah said, 'God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.'" (Gen. 21:6).	Luke 1:41-47 Luke 2:10-11, 20
"The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son ...." (Gen. 21:1-2)	Luke 1:35
"... at the time of which God had spoken to him" (Gen. 21:1-2)	Gal. 4:4

4. Read Genesis 21:1-14 along with Galatians 4:21-31. Paul writes to those in the Galatian church, "Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise" (Gal 4:28). What does it mean to be a child of promise? (Pay attention to the contrasts throughout.)

#### Let's Pray:

Please pray for the missionaries we support who work in sensitive areas of the world such that we cannot reveal who they are or where they serve. Pray for God's protection on them during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

# Sermon Notes

"Birth of Isaac – Part 2"  
Genesis 17; 18:1-15; 21:1-7  
April 5, 2020

## Introduction

## Review

**Genesis 17:1-2; 15-21**

**Genesis 18:1-15**

**Hebrews 11:11 –  
Hebrews 6:18 –**

**Genesis 21:1-7**

## Conclusion

- God was faithful despite unfaithfulness. (2 Tim 2:13)**
- Almighty God can overcome any obstacle to keep his promises. (Consider Mt. 6:31-33; Jn 11:25; 1 Pe 5:6-7,10; 1 Jo 3:2; Heb 13:5).**
- He has done this most supremely in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ.**

### Series Reading Schedule

Mar 22 – Gen 16-17

Mar 29 – Gen 17:15-18:15

Apr 4 – Gen 21:1-7

Apr 12 – Gen 22

Apr 19 – Gen 18:16-19:39

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 04-05-20

Questions adapted from Nancy Guthrie, The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2011, pp. 177-202; Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Life Change Series: Genesis, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, p. 117-124.

## Getting Started:

1. When have you wished for a re-do in your life?

## Digging Deeper:

2. In the sermon, Pastor Bryan concluded that Isaac prefigures Christ. Consider how both births were long awaited with anticipation.

a. After reading the following texts, comment on what the waiting for God to fulfill the promise of Isaac must have been like for Abram and Sarai.

- “[When] Abram was seventy-five years old ... The LORD appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your offspring I will give this land.’” (Gen 12:4, 7)
- “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless .... The word of the LORD came to him: ... one who comes from your own body will be your heir.” (Gen. 15:4)
- “Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children ... [when] Abram was eighty-six years old” (Gen. 16:1, 16)
- “When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, ... I will make you the father of many nations. ... Your wife Sarah will bear you a son ... whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year.” (Gen. 17:1, 5, 19, 21).
- “Then the LORD appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he was sitting in the entrance of his tent during the heat of the day. ... The LORD said, “I will

certainly come back to you in about a year’s time, and your wife Sarah will have a son!” (Gen 18:1, 10)

b. Consider the following texts. What anticipation preceded and accompanied the birth of Christ?

Luke 1:68-75

Luke 2:25-32

Luke 2:36-38

Matt. 13:17

1 Peter 1:10-11

3. Consider how else the story of Isaac and his parents foreshadows that of Christ and his mother. Look up the references and note your answers in the chart below.

Isaac	Jesus
“You shall call his name Isaac” (Gen 17:19)	Matt. 1:21
“Sarai was barren.” (Gen. 11:30) “The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah” (Gen. 18:11)	Luke 1:34