

These questions are for the May 24, 2026, message, “The Promise Keeper.” Please read the sermon passage (Genesis 18:6-15; 21:1-7) out loud.

Passage Outline

God Keeps His Promise

1. What is His promise (Gen 15:17-18, see also 1 Peter 2:9-10)?
 - a. God’s air-tight covenant to make His grace glorious by sending Jesus, His Son, as the ultimate blessing to all the families of the earth.
 - b. Covenant: God’s awe-inspiring commitment to law (holiness) and love (grace) in Jesus.
2. How does Sarah respond (18:9-12)?
 - a. She looks to her own ability and laughs in cynicism.
 - b. I’m good for nothing, she reasoned.
3. Is anything too wonderful for the LORD (Gen 18:13-15)?
 - a. God himself reassures Sarah she will bear a son, according to His promise.
 - b. When we are unable, God is able.
4. How God’s faithfulness transforms our laughter (21:1-7):
 - a. A laughter of joy (21:3): “Isaac” means, ‘laughter.’
 - b. A laughter of worship (21:6a): this grace is from God alone.
 - c. A laughter of freedom (21:6b): free from my past and what others think of me.
5. What does the birth of Isaac point to (Luke 1:34, 37-38)?
 - a. A miraculous conception, set off by heavenly messengers, in the Promised Land, in order to establish the Kingdom of God, completely by His grace alone.
 - b. Jesus is the ultimate Isaac. Nothing is too difficult for the Lord!

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. From number 1, above: In God’s covenant, He holds completely to Law (He maintains His holiness) and love (His work brings sinner back to His family by grace). How can we honor God’s holiness? How can we honor His grace?
2. From number 2, above: Sarah is doubtful and cynical. Talk about the impossible pregnancy of a 90-year-old and the impossible pregnancy of a virgin. Are you cynical in any way? Why do you think God has kept His covenant through impossible conceptions?
3. From number 4, above: Once we embrace and behold that “Nothing is impossible for the LORD,” our laughter is completely transformed. Which benefit (joy, worship, freedom) of transformed laughter is flourishing in your heart today? Which needs work?
4. From number 5, above: Jesus is the ultimate Son, born miraculously in the Promised Land to make happy (be a blessing to) all the families of the earth. How are you really doing at TELLING the nations about this blessed Son? How are you doing at SHOWING the nations a changed laughter because the Lord keeps His promise?