

Trust God and Keep His Promises

When God Speaks III

Genesis 21:1-7

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Genesis 21:1 (NLT) ¹ *The Lord kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised.*

1. Know that God keeps His promises in His timing.

2 Peter 3:8 (NLT) ⁸ *But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day.*

Genesis 21:2 (NLT) ² *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.*

2. Grab hold of God's promises as if your life depends upon them.

Lamentations 3:22–23 (ESV) ²² *The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;* ²³ *they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

Genesis 21:5-7 (NLT) ⁵ *Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born.* ⁶ *And Sarah declared, "God has brought me laughter. All who hear about this will laugh with me."* ⁷ *Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse a baby? Yet I have given Abraham a son in his old age!"*

3. Trust God and build your life on His promises.

Numbers 23:19 (NLT) ¹⁹ God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?

2 Peter 3:9 (ESV) ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.