Genesis 12:2-3 (ESV) And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

Genesis 15:5 (ESV) And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Abraham had to wait on the fulfillment of God’s promise.

Sarai and Abram took matters into their own hands.

Psalm 27:14 (ESV) Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

There are two great lessons that we all need to learn:

1. If God said it, then it is true.

2. God will fulfill His promises in His own way and in His own time.

Hagar understood that God “sees.”

Genesis 16:13-14 (ESV) 13 So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, “You are a God of seeing,” for she said, “Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.” 14 Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

Genesis 17:1-27

- God’s Power Revealed!

  Genesis 17:1-2 (ESV) 1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, 2 that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.”

- God’s Power Received!

  Genesis 17:4-5 (ESV) 4 “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

- God’s Power Realized!

  Genesis 17:15 (ESV) And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.