



“Is anything too hard for the Lord?” Genesis 18:14

*Bible Study:*

. Read Genesis 17 and 18. Notice that God's plan is literally laughable to both Abraham and Sarah, yet God proved His might and His sufficiency. Contemplate El Shaddai and His sufficiency in your life.

*The gospel in the story:*

In this episode of God's story, He reveals a new name for us to know Him by: El Shaddai – which means “God Almighty” or “God All-sufficient.” And He follows up on the promise made 25 years previously in the form of a covenant, and ultimately by providing Abraham with a son through Sarah. Abraham stands out as a man of faith, yet he wasn't perfect. He laughed when God assured him of the promise of a son, and he also, at one point, took matters into his own hands and had a son by his servant Hagar. In this story, we see God's sufficiency in providing a son for Abraham, and his graciousness for continuing to bless Abraham despite his sin.

*Head: What did we learn?*

Q: How old was Abram when God changed his name to Abraham? A: 99 years old.

Q: What does the name Abraham mean? A: Father of a multitude or many nations.

Q: Why did both Abraham and Sarah laugh at the thought of Sarah having a baby? A: She was very old (90 years old), and was unable to have children her whole life

Q: What did Abraham and Sarah do when God assured them that they would have a son? A: They laughed

Q: Was God's promise true? A: Yes, a year after the angels visited Abraham, Sara gave birth to Isaac

*Hands: How does this affect the way I live?*

God may put us in hard situations that require us to trust Him so that He can show His sovereignty in our lives.

*Home: How does this affect my household?*

Being honest about our weaknesses with family, gives God opportunities to show His strength.

*Heaven: How can we share our faith?*

Patience and trust in God's sovereignty is a compelling witness to friends and neighbors who are watching to see how God is working in our lives.

*Heart : Memory verse*

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