



Sermon Series: "Story"

Series Description: As we set out to examine the theme of 'story' over these twelve weeks, we'll be zooming in on twelve well-known Old Testament characters. In these real life, historical stories, we will see the way God takes lives filled with small successes and great failures and, as a master craftsman, turns them into a grand masterpiece of divine origin. We will also see that all of our stories and all the stories that make up our city are no less a part of God's story than any other.

Story of the Week: Sarah from Genesis 18:1-15

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Sermon Summary: Imagine laughing in God's face. That's what Sarah (Abraham's wife) did when God told her she would have a baby at the age of the 90. Her laughter was an outward sign of her inward doubt in God's promise. She did not believe God was able to fulfill this seemingly impossible promise. And yet, God was tender with her, assuring her that everything is possible with Him. We all wrestle with doubts but having them in the promises of God can have severe consequences when it comes to our relationship with Him.

1 – Sermon response

How did God speak to you through the sermon and the story of Sarah?

2 – Look at the text: Read Genesis 18:9-15

What was Sarah's literal response to God when she heard she was going to have a baby at 90?

3 – Seeing the tension of the passage

Instead of receiving the promise of God ("you will have a child in your old age"), Sarah couldn't take her eyes off her problem ("Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?"). Her doubt made her problem seem bigger than the promise of God. What do you think doubt does to our relationship with God?

4 – Seeing the tension in our lives

Doubting God means we don't believe His promises will be fulfilled; that our problems are bigger than His faithfulness. What are some promises of God that you have doubted? What problem in your life are you believing is bigger than God's promises?

5 – How does the Gospel relieve the tension?

How does the Gospel relieve the tension of our doubts in God's promises?

6 – What are our takeaways?

Sarah named her promised son, Isaac, which means 'laughter'. His name was a memorial to her initial doubt of God's promise to her. What are the 'memorials' in your life that can point other people to the faithfulness of God?

- **YOUR STORY:** A way to share how God has worked in supernatural ways to redeem your story is through our online story page! You can submit a written or recorded story. You can even interact with our virtual story wall. It's at: www.resonatemovement.org/story
- **BAPTISMS:** If you would like to learn more about baptisms, we have an online class you can watch, and prayerfully consider taking your next step in following Jesus in baptism: www.resonatemovement.org/classes.
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