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Week 1 Abraham and Sarah

¹The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:1-3 NLT

¹ Some time later, the Lord spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, "Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great." ² But Abram replied, "O Sovereign Lord, what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son?"... Genesis 15:1-2a NLT

Just because you don't see anything, doesn't mean God isn't doing something.

If God <u>met all of our expectations</u>, he'd never have a chance <u>to exceed them</u>.

⁵ Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!" ⁶ And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith. **Genesis** 15:5-6 NLT

^{29a} If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed... Galatians 3:29a NIV

I just don't have a lot of faith left. I've been through a lot. How much faith do I need?

²⁰ "You don't have enough faith," Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there', and it would move. Nothing would be impossible." Matthew 17:20 NLT

¹ The Lord kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. 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. **Genesis 21:1-2 NLT**

¹ This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham: **Matthew 1:1 NIV**