



A light to my path. Psalm 119:105

## **The Faithfulness of God's Promises**

Abraham was an ordinary man whom God called to become a great nation (Genesis 12:1-3, NKJV). But Abraham complained to God that he had not given him a son, evidenced by Sarah's barrenness. Then he told God that Eliezer, a servant born in his house, would be his heir. God told Abraham that He would bring a son from his body (Genesis 15:2-4). Sarah decided she would fix her problem by giving her maidservant, Hagar, to Abraham as his wife. Hagar conceived Ishmael when Abraham was eighty-six years old (Genesis 16:1-5). But Ishmael was not the son God planned to bring forth from Abraham's body. Through thirteen years of impotence and Sarah's continued barrenness, Abraham waited in faith. He remained entirely confident in full assurance and fully convinced that God would keep His promise. Abraham did not fix his eyes or his mind on the condition or age of his body or Sarah's body (Romans 4:19-22). The same faithfulness of God's promises to Abraham applies to all who believe in and receive Jesus as their Savior and Lord. But we try to fix the condition of sickness, lack of money, or living with a broken relationship the best we can instead of relying on God. Our efforts are a barrier to God's promise to meet our wants and needs (Psalm 23:1; Philippians 4:19). We must mimic Abraham's confidence and conviction. We must

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trust God, leaning on him, not on our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5-6). He will give us his solution to our unwanted condition. I encourage you to wait on the Lord (Psalm 27:14; Psalm 37:7; Romans 8:24-25).  
Shalom!!

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