

Bible Study- Wednesday with the Word

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Title- Where is your Faith? #incrediblegod

Text: Genesis 18:1-14

Introduction

Recently I heard a sermon entitled “An Incredible GOD”. The sermon came about, I believe as a result of all the chaos and confusion in our current state of governmental affairs. It was delivered by Reverend Dr. Aaron L. Parker to remind us that despite current politics we serve an #incrediblegod.

The biblical text in the sermon was taken from Genesis 18, verse 14 specifically; **“Is anything too hard for the LORD?”** #incrediblegod. This is a very familiar text centered around God’s miraculous work in the lives of Sarah and Abraham. #incredible god!

As we embark upon a new season in the life of our church, this story challenges us and allows us the opportunity to assess our faith individually and as a church family.

In addition, it also allows us to reaffirm God’s faithfulness to His people. We serve an #incrediblegod.

So I ask you this evening: Where is your faith? Do you believe in miracles?

- **What is a miracle?**
- **Anybody ever experienced a miracle?**

The Three Visitors

18 The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

What is the significance in these verses?

Let's identify key points

- The Lord appeared!
- What did Abraham do?
- **Philippians 2:3-4**
- Abraham was not afraid
- He **showed reverence** when he realized he was in the presence of God and his angels.
- What does reverence look like in your life?

³ He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, **my lord**, do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵ Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

What do we see in these verses?

Key Points

- What do we offer GOD?
- What do you offer GOD?

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "**Quick**," he said, "get three seahs of the **finest flour** and knead it and bake some bread."

What stands out in these verses?

Key Points

⁷ Then he ran to the herd and selected a **choice, tender calf** and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

What do we see in these verses?

- Again we see the word **hurried**. Why is that?
- How do we make our guest feel welcome when they come to our tent?
- What do we offer?
- Are we hospitable; are we welcoming?

⁹ "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said.

¹⁰ Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife **will have** a son. **#incrediblegod**

What do you see in this verse?

- Is this considered prophesy?
- The angel makes a PROMISE!

Text "Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him.

¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and **Sarah was past the age of childbearing.**

¹² So **Sarah laughed** to herself as she thought, "After **I am worn out** and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

What happened?

- What else comes to your mind when you consider this story?
- Has God ever spoke something to you that was so far-fetched that you laughed?
- Why did Sarah laugh?
- Ya'll better STOP laughing at GOD!

¹³ Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?'

- Why do we laugh at a question GOD?

¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? (**#incrediblegod**). I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son." **#incrediblegod.**

So church as we embark upon a change of season, remember there is nothing too hard for THE LORD"! **#incrediblegod**

There is no promise HE cannot keep

No prayer He cannot answer

No need HE cannot supply

No problem HE cannot solve

No door HE cannot open

No person HE cannot save

No place that HE cannot Revive

