



# THE PEOPLE OF GOD – SERIES 4

Bible Reading Plan, January - March 2020

# Sarah

The Woman Who Laughed and Laughed  
Again



# Genesis 12 - God Reveals His Promise to Abram for the First Time

“leave your country for a land I will show you”

“I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you will be a blessing.

“In you, all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

“To your descendants I will give this land”



# Genesis 13 - Abram Settles in Canaan

“Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are - northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered”



# Genesis 15 - Abram Shares His Concerns

“Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”



“Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!”

“This one (Eliezer) shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir”

# Genesis 16 - Sarai takes the Initiative

“See now, the Lord has restrained me from bearing children. Please go in to my maid: perhaps I shall obtain children by her”.



# Genesis 17 - Abram's Faith is Pushed to the Limit

“No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name will be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations”.

“As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations.”

“Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?”

“Oh that Ishmael might live before you Lord”

# Genesis 18 - Sarah Laughs

“I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son”



“Sarah laughed within herself saying, ‘after I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?’”



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# Genesis 18 - God's Big Question

“Is anything too hard for the Lord?”

“The things which are impossible with men  
are possible with God”

Luke 18:27





***“Courageously expecting God to do the impossible through every one of us”***

***In every one of us***

# Genesis 21 - God's Big Question is Answered (& Sarah Laughs Again)

“God has made me laugh, and all who hear will laugh with me”





# Psalm 30:10-12

The Passion Translation

So hear me now, Lord; show me your famous mercy.

O God, be my Saviour and rescue me!

Then he broke through and transformed all my wailing into a whirling dance of ecstatic praise!

He has torn the veil and lifted from me the sad heaviness of mourning.

He wrapped me in the glory garments of gladness.

How could I be silent when it's time to praise you?

Now my heart sings out loud, bursting with joy - a bliss inside that keeps me singing, "I can never thank you enough!"

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# Let's pray ...

Dear Jesus,

Please come into my life today;

I want to know you better.

Fill me with your hope, your love and your joy;

Forgive me where I mess up;

Help me to know I'm a child of God,

And give me the courage to work with You for good.

Amen