



Sermon  
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Guide

Sunday, February 8, 2026

# Abraham – Person of Faith

## Promise Fulfilled

### Read/Reflect

1. Read Genesis 21:1-7. Since the birth of Isaac is the fulfillment of God's promise and kind of the whole point of the Abraham story (Gen.12-22), why do you think the account of Isaac's birth is so short?
2. In these verses, what indications are there that Isaac is not the reward for Abraham & Sarah's faith, but God's action on his promise and plan? What's the difference between these two perspectives?

### Explore

3. How would you assess your sense of fulfillment in life? And what's the criteria you use for making that assessment?
  - I've made it
  - God has let me down
  - Life is lousy
  - I keep hoping
4. Recall the nature of Sarah's laughter in Genesis 18 and here in Genesis 21. What's the difference? What has to change in our heart and mind to make the same switch that Sarah made? What is the nature and source of laughter in your life?
5. Compare Sarah's "song" in Genesis 21:6,7 to Mary's Song in Luke 1:46-55. What similar themes can be drawn from both about the way God works to bless people? Based on both Sarah's and Mary's declaration, how does God fulfill the promise first given in Genesis 12:2-3?
6. What is significant about Abraham responding to God's action with obedience. Think of a command in Scripture (e.g. Sabbath rest, loving your enemy, tithing) that feels like a chore. What's the difference between "just doing it – because I said so" and doing it as a response to God's action (grace) in your life?

### Pray

- ... that God would help you to measure success based on what God has done in your life rather than what you have done in your life
- ... that God would break into the areas of your life where you feel hopeless and reveal his presence and his faithfulness.
- ... that with a thankful heart of praise you can find satisfaction not just in what you acquire or achieve, but in who God is.