

## Promises Not Panic Day 40 5/8/2020

Great encouraging word about receiving personal promises from God.

Gen 12- great nation, name, blessing. 75 years old.

Gen 13- descendants like dust of the earth.

Gen 15- When? descendants like stars of heaven. Innumerable. **Believed God!**

Gen 16- impatient, Been over 12 years since promise! Hagar, Ishmael.

Gen 17- about 10 more years pass- promised again, falls on face laughing. Ishmael is enough. God promises!

Gen 18- year later, promised again, Sarah laughs.

Gen 21- laughter is born! After 25 years of waiting.

**Rom 4:17** (as it is written, "I HAVE MADE YOU A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS") in the presence of Him whom he believed- God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

**Rom 4:18** who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE."

**Rom 4:19** And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

**Rom 4:20** He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

**Rom 4:21** and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

- a) Contrary to hope- hoping against hope, in hope he believed. Vs.18
- b) Not weak in faith- didn't consider his own body. Vs 19
- c) Didn't waiver at promise, strengthened by faith. Vs. 20
- d) Fully convinced God that God who promised was able to perform. Vs.21

**My "generally speaking" means way more to God than my "specific stumble".**

**My temporary lapses don't define the outcome of my journey!**

**My temporary lapses don't negate the faithfulness of God's promise.**

Communion-  
Prayer-  
Share-