

Gen. 17: 15-17; Gen. 18:10-15 (v.13) - The Question I Need To Ask Every Day!

INTRO. Sara was 89; Abraham was 99 when this conversation happened!
God often puts our assumptions to the test! God delights in beating the odds!

1. Stop and think about times when God beat the odds - when He went about disproving peoples' assumptions:

*A Jewish mother vs. Pharaoh - Ex. 2

*David vs. Goliath - I Sam. 17 - Goliath was between 9 and 10 ½ feet tall; with armor weighing 125 lbs, with a spear whose point weighed 15 lbs. And David has a slingshot!

*The three Hebrew young men vs. a fiery furnace. – Dan. 3

2. What are some of the Assumptions we have: (Douglas Rumford)

a) That God will work within a certain _____ frame

Remember, the original promise about an heir (Genesis 12) was when Abraham was 75 – that was _____ years ago!

God to Habakkuk - Hab. 2:3 - “though it tarry, wait for it” God’s timing isn’t ours!

b) That God’s work is tied to our own _____

* _____ * limitations are not * _____ * limitations!!

c) That what we _____ is what is real

II Cor. 4:18 - “So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

d) That God only works through people who never _____

3. God’s Truth that brings laughter - Nothing is too hard for Him!

The word “hard” is the same Hebrew word that is translated “wondrous”, “wondrous works” in other passages of Scripture.

1. God, and God alone, does wonders

Job 9:10 - God performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted

Ps. 136:4 - To Him alone Who does great wonders

Ps. 40:5 - Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.

Ps. 86:10 - you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God

Ex. 15:11- Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like unto Thee? Glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders!

2. We should _____ God for those wondrous deeds

Ps. 107:8, 15, 21, 31 - Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love; for His wonderful deeds for men

Ps. 26:7 - (I) proclaim aloud your praise and tell of all your wonderful deeds

3. We should meditate on those wondrous deeds.

Job 37:14; - stop and consider God's wonders. Do you know how God controls the clouds and makes His lightning flash?

Ps. 145:5 - I will meditate on your wonderful works

Do you have a "Memory book" of your answers to prayer?

4. God does these wondrous deeds to increase our _____ in Him

Josh. 3:5 - "tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you". And when the Jordan River parted, he had them get 12 stones from the river bed and build a monument - so that it would be a sign for generations to come of what God did.

5. We should tell _____ of God's wondrous deeds.

Ps. 78:4 - we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done.

One of the reasons God does mighty things for us is so we can pass on a heritage of miracles to the generations to come!

Matt. 19:26 - Jesus to His disciples: "With God all things are possible."

Luke 1:37 - The angel Gabriel to Mary re. The birth of Christ: "for nothing is impossible with God."

CONCLUSION:

Jeremiah 32:17, 18b - 19a "Ah Lord God, Thou hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too difficult for thee!...Great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds."

And God's response:

Jer. 32:27 - I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for Me?"

