

Promise Renewed Text: Genesis 18:1-15

Abram believed the Lord, and he credited to him as righteous. (Genesis 15:6) Foundational Text To Our Walk

Abram believed God, he was a man of faith, but he wasn't always a man of wisdom. He didn't always know what he should do.

Abraham is also the patriarch of the world's three major religions. And it all began with a promise that was all but forgotten by the time today's story takes place — forgotten by everyone but the One who made the promise.

I'm here to tell you today that God's promises are true. They are "y____" and "a_____." They're waiting to be claimed, and they're waiting to be fulfilled in God's perfect timing.

Three Truths:

1. The Promise Never C_____. We do.

After the Ishmael debacle — Abraham appears to have just settled into the life of a wealthy cattleman. But the promise was still out there.

I want you to know that the promises haven't changed. We may change, we may get off track, but the good news is that we can always get back on track.

2. We need to come c_____ with whatever is standing in the way of the promise.

If you're convinced something will never happen, then it doesn't have much c_____ of happening. This is not because our thinking is magical, but because thinking leads to action.

For many who are here today, your greatest obstacle to receiving the fullness of God's promises is your reluctance to believe that the promise is yours for the a_____, and yours for the receiving.

3. We need to begin taking action c_____with the promise.

Here's a Spiritual Tip for you. If you want to position yourself to be on the receiving end of God's greatest blessings, s_____ others with humility at every opportunity.

And what does it mean to be lifted up? It means the promises of God will come a_____in your life. We need to take action consistent with the promises of God, and that always involves serving others in humility. Ref: James 4:6,10

Nothing is too difficult for the Lord. Nothing is impossible with God. So don't let your cynicism and skepticism and the uncertainty of your circumstances get in the way of the life he has for you. Ref: Luke 1:37;Matthew 19:26.

The promises of God never change. We change, sometimes, and that gets us off track.

