

## God's Willingness Equals His Ability

Purpose: To teach that God is always willing and able to help us.

**R**emember that God is able and willing to make good on his promises.

In Genesis, God promised Abraham that he would have a son named Isaac. Abraham was very old, too old to have children. Abraham wanted very much to have a son, yet he was ninety-nine years old. His wife, Sara was ninety. She had no children.

(Gen 17:15-19 KJV) And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall* her name be. {16} And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a *mother* of nations; kings of people shall be of her. {17} Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his



heart, Shall a *child* be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? {18} And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! {19} And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him.

Abraham found this promise difficult to believe, but he did believe the promise.

(Gen 21:5 KJV) And

Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

Find God's promises and believe that God is able and willing to provide.

(Rom 4:21 KJV) And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

The Word tells us that Abraham was fully persuaded. Fully persuaded means that Abraham knew for sure that what God had promised, he was also able to perform. Abraham knew for sure that God would do it.

(Num 23:19 KJV) God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

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Men lie, but God never lies. God always tells the truth. If God says he will do something, we know for sure he can and will do it. God is not a man that he should lie.

Sara believed that the Word of God was the will of God. God means what he says when he says something. God doesn't lie. God made a promise and he kept his promise. Sara believed God would give her a child even though she was so old. Why? Because God said that he would.

**(Heb 11:11 KJV) Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.**

God is still the same today as he was when Abraham and Sara lived. God can and will do today what he has promised us in his word. How much can God do? How able is God? God gave you and me a promise too.

**(Eph 3:20 KJV) Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we**

**ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,**

This is tremendous, such a great promise.

Once a boy who loved God needed a Cub Scout uniform. One night, he asked God to supply his need. Some days later, a package arrived in the mail. Try to guess what was in that package? If you guessed a Cub Scout uniform, you were right. God was willing and able to meet the boy's need.

Once a little girl's grandpa had to go into the hospital. He was very sick. The little girl loved God and prayed for her grandpa. She asked God to heal him. Even so, the doctors said that her grandpa didn't have much more time to live. Well, what do you think happened? The man left the hospital and two months later, he was home working in his garden. God had healed him. God was able and willing to answer her prayers..

How wonderful to know that God can do whatever we ask according to his Word. But God is even bigger than that. He can do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or

think. Our God is able and willing.

Much Love in Christ.

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Craft: Word Scramble: Fill in the blanks with words from today's teaching. Then place the numbered letters in the bottom row to discover the secret word.

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