

“The Lord kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would.” Genesis 21:1-2 NLT

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This is a very short thought for today. God ALWAYS keeps his promises! Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah thought it was funny that one, she could give Abraham a son and two, that she would be nursing a child at her age. Parenting when your old(er) is rough. You just lack the stamina it takes to keep up! I think the harder issue is, how do you know when and what is a promise from God? In this couple's life it was a direct conversation with an angel (of the Lord in fact). Yet that still comes with doubt. However, there is an actual physical, verbal memory to attach to - a visitation! What happens when it's a little more vague, like a dream or a vision? It becomes much harder to hold onto for the long haul. And, what if it came through a Bible verse or from a friend? That makes it even more challenging. I've always enjoyed Mary's (mother of Jesus) response, "she pondered all these things in her heart." She didn't talk about them, but quietly keep a watch on her life and how things were happening. That would be the advise I would give to myself, just ponder, watch and see what happens. For goodness sake, don't FORCE something like Sarah did with Hagar and Ishmael.

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Dad,

I know, know, know you are good at keeping your word!

Sometimes I think about things you "might" have promised and keep an eye out. And sometimes, I just enjoy the adventure you have me on and trust that I am useful in some way.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root