



Sermon Questions: *A Child is Born: Isaac*

Date: *November 28, 2021* | Scripture: *Genesis 18:1-15*

1. Read Genesis 18:1-15. How would you describe Abraham and Sarah's faith and struggles with unbelief to a first time reader?
2. Where are you laughing or crying? How does this impact your view of God?
3. Sarah denies that she laughed. This denial seems more important than the fact that she laughed. What might it suggest about her expectations of God?
4. Consider Mary's response to a similarly impossible promise in Luke 1:26-38. How does she respond? What can we learn from her?
5. God is gracious to us even when we struggle with unbelief. Consider how Jesus modelled this truth in his earthly ministry, and how it shapes our understanding of him.

Inward Grace in Action

1. Read [The Silent Struggle: Grappling with God through Infertility](http://washingtoninst.org) at washingtoninst.org
 - a. Who do you know who has walked through this pain? How could you love them and prepare to love others well, individually and as a CG?
2. Are there places where you have felt the need to normalize your pain? How does God's character affect how you engage with this pain?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Deuteronomy 4:32-40
- 2 Kings 4:8-37
- Psalm 138
- Luke 1
- 2 Corinthians 4:1-6
- Hebrews 11:8-22

Pray for members of your CG each day this week

Worship using our Advent Devotional resource, in print or [online](#)

Invite friends who don't know Jesus to Advent events, or to dinner at your home

Listen to our Spotify playlist [A Child is Born: Advent 2021](#)

Reach out if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

You can also find additional resources on our website: capitalpres.org