



## “Why a Bible Conference?”

*Because It's God's Word!*

Genesis 21:1-8

*It was given so we would :*

**I. Recall** - “as He had said” (vs. 1-2)

**The Bible is Reliable**

*His word concerning His :*

**A. Presence** – “the Lord visited Sarah as he had said”

**B. Promises** – “the Lord did unto Sarah as he had said”

**C. Prophecies** – “at the time of which God had spoken ”

**II. React**– “And Abraham...And Abraham....And Abraham” (vs. 3-5)

**The Bible is Instructive**

*His word compels us to :*

**A. Obey** – “Abraham called the name of his son...Isaac”

**B. Observe** - “Abraham circumcised his son Isaac”

**C. Occupy** (*stay engaged*) - “Abraham was an hundred years old when...”

**III. Rejoice** - “Abraham made a great feast” (vs. 6-8)

**The Bible is Good**

*His word captivates the:*

**A. Incredulous** – “so that all that hear will laugh with me”

**B. Incapacitated** – “Sarah should have given children suck”

**C. Invested** – “in the same day that Isaac was weaned”

Sentence Sermon:

*“A Bible Conference is a great time to recall, react, & rejoice .”*

Additional Verses

- **Romans 4:19**
- **Hebrews 11:11**
- **Luke 1:46-47, 58**
- **Psalm 119:74**

“weaned”

- **Psalm 131:2**
- **Isaiah 28:9**
- **Matthew 21:16**

“paqad”

- **Genesis 50:24**
- **Ruth 1:6**
- **Isaiah 24:21**
- **Jeremiah 9:25**
- **Hosea 12:3**

Questions to Ponder:

- 1. Who is the central character of this passage?
- 2. Why did the Lord visit Sarah?
- 3. What does the phrase “at the set time” mean?
- 4. Why did Abraham name Isaac? Why “Isaac?”
- 5. Who besides Isaac had been circumcised? Why?
- 6. Why does God tell us Abraham’s age?
- 7. What does verse 6 teach us about our conversations?
- 8. Why did Abraham make a great feast when Isaac is weaned?
- 9. What phrase is mentioned repeatedly in verses 1-4? Why?

## INTRO:

Ever really blown it? You had a chance to demonstrate your faith but you fell short, way short! You failed and you wondered if God would ever bless you again. Has He? Will He? Absolutely. Today's passage emphasizes God's on going plan for Abraham and Sarah despite their utter failure with Abimelech.

## God's Word is True

### V. 1

- And the Lord visited Sarah = "paqad" 2 uses ...the Lord coming to: 1) judge 2) bless
- As He has said = (cp. 18:14) ..this is the crux of this passage....notice how it is repeated and alluded to ....verses 1-4, indirectly or implied...6-8

### v.2

- *Sarah conceived and bare Abraham a son = full circle of chapter 12...where the promise was given 25 years earlier*
- *At the set time which God had spoken to him = in 18:10 --*

## God's Word is to be obeyed

### V. 3

- *And Abraham called the name of his son Isaac = cp. 17:19 – As God had told him to...*
- *Notice the Four times it certifies that Abraham is the father of Isaac ...called the name ...his son...unto him...bare to him*

### V.4

- Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old = why?
- As God had commanded him = Because God had told him to (17:12)

