

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a black headscarf and a black dress with a long necklace, is smiling. She is standing in a church aisle with blue seats. The background is a deep blue with a subtle pattern of church pews.

A PUSH TO THE PROMISE

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Pushing Through to God's Promises: Lessons from Abraham and Sarah's Journey

The story of Abraham and Sarah teaches us powerful lessons about faith, patience, and God's faithfulness to fulfill His promises - even when circumstances seem impossible.

What Does It Mean to Trust God's Promises?

A promise from God is a binding declaration that gives us the right to expect and claim what He has spoken. His promises extend beyond just us to future generations and can include spiritual, physical, and material blessings.

Why Did Sarah Struggle to Believe?

Sarah was barren and well past childbearing age when God promised she would have a son. She struggled with:

Feeling inadequate and possibly punished by God

Doubts about God's timing

Taking matters into her own hands by suggesting Abraham have a child with Hagar

Laughing in disbelief when told she would bear a son

Yet despite her struggles, Hebrews 11:11 tells us Sarah ultimately "considered God faithful who had promised."

How Does God Fulfill His Promises?

God's promises often require:

Waiting through a process

Pushing through pain and difficulty

Staying in position even when discouraged

Having faith even when circumstances seem impossible

Surrounding yourself with encouragers

How to Push Through to Your Promise (P.U.S.H.)

To receive God's promises, we must P.U.S.H. (Pray Until Something Happens):

Pray persistently

Rejoice despite circumstances

Be obedient to God's instructions

Make a joyful noise

Remember "I can do all things through Christ"

Serve with gladness

Wait patiently

Life Application

This week, identify one promise from God you're believing for and commit to pushing through until you see its fulfillment. Ask yourself:

What promise am I currently waiting on God for?

Where have I given up pushing too soon?

Who can I surround myself with to encourage me in the pushing process?

Am I truly being obedient while I wait?

Remember: God cannot lie and He cannot fail. Whatever He has promised, He will fulfill - we just need to stay in position and keep pushing through faith, even when circumstances seem impossible.