

## God's Got Questions!

Lesson Three • Genesis 18:9-15

### The Laughter Lesson

God's Question: "Why did you laugh?"

God wants to transform our cynical laughter of DOUBT into a joyful laughter of BELIEF and hope!

Transforming Laughter of Doubt into Laughter of Belief:

## 1. God Brings Us To Our Humble PLACE At The End Of Our Strength...

9 "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said. 10 Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. 11 Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?" 13 Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?'" 14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son." 15 Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh." But He said, "Yes, you did laugh." Genesis 18:9-15 NIV

### Three Reasons Behind Our Cynical Laughter of Doubt:

- We assume that God's work is limited to a certain TIME FRAME.
- We assume that God's work is limited to our OWN ABILITIES.
- We assume that God's work is limited to those who never FAIL HIM.

### The Problem with Assumptions:

Our assumptions stem from a human perspective that leaves GOD OUT, therefore God confronts us so that we will see things from His perspective.

## 2. ...So We Will Trust In God's Sovereign GRACE To Do The Impossible!

### The Joyful Laughter of Belief:

When we trust God's sovereign grace to do the impossible, He REWARDS us.

Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what He had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. Genesis 21:1-3 NIV

By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered Him faithful who had promised. Hebrews 11:11 ESV

God's Question: "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

No, NOTHING is too hard for the Lord!

"Ah, Lord God! It is You who have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for You." Jeremiah 32:17 ESV