

Sunday Celebration

Gathering

"Life of Praise"

*Worship Songs

"Unstoppable God"

"Counting on God"

Joys & Prayers

Offering & Tithe

Offering Song

"Thy Will"

Scripture

Genesis 18:10-14 (NIV)

Message

"Running with the Big Dogs: Sarah"

Jack D. Cohen

*Response/Prayer Time

"You Never Change"

*Closing



We hope that the worship service today has helped you know & grow closer to the Lord. If you are visiting or have further questions & comments please fill out the Response Card so we can connect with you.

Haven Community Church

February 26, 2017

"...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us..."



"In the dust of defeat as well as the laurels of victory there is a glory to be found if one has done his best... God made me fast. And when I run, I feel His pleasure."

— Eric Liddell



"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."
 – Hebrews 12:1

When you can't understand God & you get impatient waiting...
 Don't muddy up God's _____ with your _____

TRUST IN GOD...

1) Even if it takes _____

"Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar; so she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said."
 – Genesis 16:1-2

2) Even if it seems _____

"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. So Sarah laughed to

herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?" Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."
 – Genesis 18:10-14

3) Even if _____ you don't

"Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." And she added, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."
 – Genesis 21:6-7

SARAH'S LAP WRAP...

"And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise."
 – Hebrews 11:11

1) "Don't try to _____ God when He's not moving _____ for you."

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient."
 – 2 Peter 3:9

"Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes."
 – Psalm 37:7 (NLT)

2) "When you have to wait, focus on what's happening _____, not _____."

"That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy."
 – Romans 8:24-25 (MSG)

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."
 – James 1:2-4

3) "Even our _____ cannot begin to _____ to what God _____"

"Since before time began no one has ever imagined, no ear heard, no eye seen, a God like you who works for those who wait for him."
 – Isaiah 64:4 (MSG)