



## ARROWS

### **PSALM** 127:4 *Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands.*

On Sunday, we learned the truth that we have this awesome, God-given, sacred responsibility of build the future by raising a better generation than ours! God has given us all this “future,” these arrows in our hands! And thank God for His Word, because we don’t have to grope in the dark to find the answer to the question. In Romans 4:16-25, we see the story of how God brought Abraham to a place of deep trust in His promise to make the father of many nations, despite his circumstances. Pastor’s sermon points are summarized below:

**YOU BECOME WHAT YOU BELIEVE.** Romans 4:18 says, *Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became...* We’re not born with beliefs, they develop over time. Beliefs are developed by the connections you make and learnings you acquire over time and your belief becomes part of who you are—whatever you believe was behaved in front of you, and in turn you become what you believe. Over time, we acquire beliefs that are contrary to God’s promises. They limit us from becoming what God wants us to be. Pastor calls them, “limiting beliefs.”

**LET GOD BRING FORTH HIS PROMISES.** Romans 4:17 says, *Abraham believed the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.* Abraham didn’t care if he was 100 years old and his body was as good as dead; and his wife’s womb is no longer productive! Abraham’s faith did not cause him to close his eyes to reality their body was “as good as dead” (verse 19). He has faith that God’s promises are as certain as God’s power to fulfill them. He knew that “*if God promised it, He is able to perform it*” (verse 21). By faith, He looked forward to the promise! His wife grew impatient and doubted, so she meddled with God’s plan for a bit and tried to force the promise to happen, but God still pulled His promise through according to His Word, not man’s intervention!

**BREAK THE CYCLES OF LIMITING BELIEFS** in your life and in your family. Pastor said, it’s important to confront the lies of limiting beliefs with faith! Everything we do, including our parenting can be more meaningful and satisfying if we would only apply our faith in it! Remember, what we do or say right now are imbedded in minds, and those beliefs eventually become what we model out and gets picked up by others---and the cycle goes on! God needs to break cycles so He can raise you to who He wants you to be. Let the break begin with you, and God will bring forth a better future generation! How? By having faith in God’s promises and speaking it forth. Stop thinking that history will repeat itself, and begin to believe that God’s mercies are new every morning! Remember, God brought forth Abraham before He brought forth Isaac. If you expect your kids to be better, you should desire to better parents first. Your kids will catch what you model!

**GENERATIONS OF BLESSED PEOPLE ARE IN YOU!** God brought forth Isaac from two barren parents. Abraham became the father of Isaac at 100 years old! Not only that, many nations came from him, by faith and obedience to God’s Word! The promise of God to Abraham is found in Genesis 12:2-3. Declare and believe that through you God is bringing forth generation after generation of blessed people! Not only will they be blessed; they will be a blessing as spiritual descendants of Abraham, that is in our spiritual genes! From within you, God will bring forth generations of blessed people! How did we become Abraham’s descendants? Through Jesus, we become partakers of that life of blessing!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT STEPS:**

- Arrows (Parenting Seminar in August)
- Prayer and Fasting Week (August 27-September 2)
- Fall Fest (September 10)

#### **PRAY TOGETHER FOR**

- The students who will soon be starting school
- The families at Mosaic, that we may all be obedient to the Word and experience His blessings.

**GOAL FOR THIS STUDY:** The word *parenting* means to bring forth. As parents and would-be parents, we are given a sacred task of “bringing forth” a generation that is better than ours. As Pastor Jon asked on Sunday, “What do we do with all this future?” The answer is: we bring forth the future by allowing God to bring you forth—to be a better man or woman, a better teenager, a better disciple, a fully devoted follower of Jesus! **If you want to raise a better generation, you need to let God to raise you first!**

## Connection and Action

Questions to promote conversation and connection

### Question:

Children are always thinking and interpreting. They act, however, not on the facts of life but on what is modeled in front of them. What positive or negative beliefs do you have as a result of what was modeled in front of you?

### Question:

What do you think is the most important thing (principle or aspect) a child needs to be what God designed them to be?

### Question:

The heart is the source of everything you say, desire and do (Proverbs 4:23). What should you be filling your heart with that can help you change what you believe and eventually become what you believe?

## Bible and Belief

Questions to help believers develop a biblical point of view.

### READ ROMANS 4:16-25

#### Question:

What promise did God make to Abraham? Read Genesis 12:2-4.

#### Question:

Why does the phrase 'hope against hope' (Romans 4:18) well describe Abraham's act of faith?

#### Question:

Verse 17 says, "Without weakening in his faith." The Greek phrase means, his faith grew stronger instead of steady. Why do you think did Abraham's faith grow stronger despite his situation?

#### Question:

How would you describe the activity of Abraham's faith based on verses 20-21?

#### Questions:

Verse 20 says, "he...gave glory to God..." What does this verse teach us about how we should approach every aspect of life?

What did Pastor say regarding what praise does to us?

#### Question:

According to Romans 4:23-25, how does one become an heir to Abraham? Why?

## Growing in Leadership

Questions to help people grow as leaders.

### Question:

What seemingly impossible situation is God calling you to pray about and get involved in? What burdens has he given you?

### Question:

What limiting beliefs do you need to break out of so God can raise you to the level He wants you on?

### Question:

How can you better exercise your faith in your situation right now?