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***“Note Those Who So Walk”***

Philippians 3:17

2Thessalonians 3:14

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***Sarah – Ever Laughed at God?***

**Text: Genesis 18:1-15**

**Key Text:** *Genesis 18:12, “Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, ‘After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?’”*

Introduction:

- 1) How important was a male heir in the Old Testament time?
  - a) God made a promise to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3).
  - b) Abraham was concerned because he was childless (Genesis 15:2).
  - c) Sarah had Abraham marry Hagar (Genesis 16:1-4).
- 2) Abraham thought the promise of God would be kept through Ishmael (Genesis 17:18).
  - a) God had a different plan saying Sarah would bear a child (Genesis 17:19).
  - b) Thus, we have the context of Sarah laughing at God.
- 3) What kind of laugh was it?

**I. Was it unreasonable to laugh?**

A. Sarah did not laugh about anything that was realistic, humanly speaking.

- B. Most of us could relate to Sarah.
- C. In fact, Sarah was not the only one who laughed (Genesis 17:17).
- D. So, why was it wrong for Sarah to laugh?
  - 1. First, she did not just laugh (Genesis 18:15).
  - 2. She did not consider the source (Genesis 18:14).
- E. Laughing was the least of her worries.

## II. **This was not the best part of Sarah’s life.**

- A. She was properly rebuked by the Lord (Genesis 18:14).
- B. She immediately responded even though she knew she had been caught (Genesis 18:15). She was again rebuked by God.
- C. Where was the sin?
  - 1. God promised Abraham in Genesis 12.
  - 2. God was not working according to Sarah’s timetable and thus Sarah sent Abraham to Hagar.
  - 3. Was her sin not back before all of the events of Genesis 18?
- D. How often do we not have patience with God so we try to do it our own way?
- E. Have we ever scoffed at God?

## III. **Yet, Sarah was deemed one of the faithful.**

- A. Hebrews 11:11-12.
- B. At some point, Sarah got the point, repented, and was counted faithful.
- C. It is interesting that Abraham was also (Hebrews 11:17-19).
- D. Do we get the point?
  - 1. Does our faith grow?
  - 2. Or does it stay the same (die)?
- E. Would we be deemed one of the faithful?