



THE FOOTSTEPS OF FAITH  
**NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR GOD**  
GENESIS 18:1-15

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1. Eagerly \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 1-8)

2. Humbly \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 1-8)

3. Continually \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 9-15)

Genesis 18:1–15 (ESV)

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth 3 and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, 5 while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." 6 And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." 7 And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

9 They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." 10 The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" 13 The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'" 14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." 15 But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Hebrews 13:2.** How can you grow in giving a generous welcome to others at church? In what other contexts would you like to see yourself grow in demonstrating hospitality?
2. **Read Psalm 8:3-4.** How can we maintain the amazement expressed in these verses as we think of how God has condescended (in a good way) to love and ultimately redeem us? Why do we so often drift away from this mindset?
3. What are some current difficult situations in your life? How should the reality that “nothing is too hard for the LORD” shape your perspective in these trials?
4. **Read Numbers 14:11-12.** Why is unbelief so offensive to God? How should that affect your view of your own unbelief?
5. **Read Psalm 131:1-2.** How can you follow the Psalmist’s example here? What are some ways you may be tempted to occupy yourself with things that are too great and too marvelous? How can you calm and quiet your soul?

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.*

Ennis, Pat and Lisa Tatlock. *Practicing Hospitality: The Joy of Serving Others*. Crossway, 2008.

Taylor, Howard. *Hudson Taylor’s Spiritual Secret*.

Tozer, A.W. *The Knowledge of the Holy*. HarperOne, 2009.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that our congregation would be filled with confidence that nothing is too hard for God.

Pray that we would eagerly show hospitality and welcome to others.

Pray for Resurrection Week to have a great impact in our church and in our community.

Pray for revival in the Treasure Valley.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

### REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
3/18	Deuteronomy 17-20	Luke 12:35-59
3/19	Deuteronomy 21-23	Luke 13
3/20	Deuteronomy 24-27	Luke 14
3/21	Deuteronomy 28	Luke 15
3/22	Deuteronomy 29-31	Luke 16
3/23	Deuteronomy 32-34	Luke 17