

Gen 17:17 (NLT)

Then Abraham bowed down to the ground, but he laughed to himself in disbelief. "How could I become a father at the age of one hundred?" he wondered. "Besides, Sarah is ninety; how could she have a baby?"

"I don't want to hear this today Steve." You may be thinking. "My problem is just to big. I don't know if God could handle this one. I've been praying and waiting on the Lord and still no answer."

Abraham and Sarah waited 25 years for the promise of a son. I know that may not sound encouraging right now. But just think about it; God did answer their prayers and did do what He said He would do.

If God has made you a promise, don't think because He hasn't answered you that it will not come to pass. It will, but in His timing, not ours.

Paul wrote:

† **Phil 4:6** *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;*

Or as it says in the NLT:

† **Phil 4:6 (NLT)** *Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.*

Maybe your prayers have not been answered yet for a certain something or someone. But are you still thankful for the blessings God has given you? It's so easy to look at what we don't have, but when we do, then we stop seeing what we do have. Fix your eyes on the blessings that you have right now, and thank Him for those blessing.

† *Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Ephesians 5:20*

We all know this verse yet how many say, *"I can't give thanks because God has not answered that prayer yet"* Hmm, the way it reads it says, ***giving thanks always for all things***, it doesn't say to just give thanks for the answered prayer once that happens, but ***all things***.

- ✓ Hasn't God given you a job? Give Him Thanks.
- ✓ Are you healthy and able to walk and talk? Give Him Thanks
- ✓ Did you eat and have that wonderful cup of coffee to help you get started this morning? Give Him Thanks.

- ✓ Do you have a family and friends that love you? Give Him Thanks
- ✓ Do you have a home and a nice warm bed to sleep in? Give Him Thanks

Looking at these things and probably others you could think of as well, how many did you pray for? Probably very little or even none of them, yet God has blessed you with them. So give Him thanks for all things, then when He does answer that prayer, then you can include your thankfulness for that too.

You never know; tomorrow, or even today could be the day God answers your prayers!

† *There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, Who rides the heavens to help you, And in His excellency on the clouds. Deuteronomy 33:26*