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## Without Unbelief

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My husband, Randall, recently spoke on the subject of miracles. If you are like me, there are some special requests that you have been praying for a long time. Some of us have been praying the same prayer for years!. Have you ever been discouraged? Have you ever felt like giving up? Have you ever wondered if God hears or cares?

Be encouraged to know that even Jesus did not heal everyone. There was unbelief in His hometown. Even Jesus had to touch the blind man a second time (Mark 8:25). There was not instant healing. As my husband said in his sermon, "What makes us think we should be 'One-shot wonders!'"

I am moved by the scriptures in Romans 4 where God told Abraham that he would be the father of nations. God was going to give him a son who would have many descendants and become a great nation. God's favor was on Abraham because of his faith. "He believed God even though such a promise just couldn't come to pass." (verse 18 - TLB) "But Abraham never doubted. He believed God, for his faith and trust grew ever stronger, and he praised God for this blessing even before it happened." (verse 20 - TLB)

We know that a miracle happened for Abraham. What about you and me? I have prayed the same prayer for 14 years. Maybe you have prayed even longer than that. Sometimes, I have been fervent about praying. Sometimes, I have put it on the shelf and just lived my life, trying to forget the pain.

Often, I think of the quote by Carl Sandburg. He said, "There is an eagle in me that wants to soar, and there is a hippopotamus in me that wants to wallow in the mud." The times I put my prayer on the shelf is when I wallow. We have a choice, as Abraham did, to praise God even before our prayers are answered. Let us "Soar" in the midst of our wait.

I am more convinced than ever of the verse, "And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans" (Romans 8:28-TLB). God loves you and me so much that, whatever is going on in our lives, He will work through it. We grow in the dark places and we have to totally trust Him to show us the way. He is the light that leads us out of that dark place. Give praise and thanks to Him and believe that He hears, cares, and will answer in His time and way. I have heard many women share of their stories of how God answered the prayers that they prayed for years. It is so encouraging! Never give up! Your miracle could be just around the corner!

In Him,



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