Introduction:

1. Context:
	1. God’s promises to Abraham required he & Sarah have children.
	2. Not through *“one born in my house”* (Genesis 15:2-4) nor through Hagar, Sarah’s handmaid (Genesis 17:18-19)
	3. Through Abraham (100) and Sarah (90)
	4. God said: ***“I will surely return next year, and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son.”*** (Genesis 18:10)
	5. *“Sarah laughed… saying, ‘****After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also****?”* (Genesis 18:12)
	6. “*The Lord said to Abraham, ‘****Why did Sarah laugh****, saying, “****Shall I indeed bear a child, when I am so old? Is anything too difficult for the Lord?***”’” (Genesis 18:13-14; NASU)
		1. ***“Is there any wonder which the Lord is not able to do?”*** (BBE)
2. **Other similar questions or statments:**
	1. Similar to **Mary’s** **question**: ***“How can this be, since I am a virgin?”*** (Luke 1:34)
		1. Who received a similar response: ***“For nothing will be impossible with God!”*** (Luke 1:37)
		2. Note Mary’s response: *“****Behold the bondslave of the Lord****;* ***may it be done to me according to your word****.”* (Luke 1:38)
	2. Job 42:1-3, “*Then Job answered the Lord and said, ‘****I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted****. Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand,* ***things too wonderful for me, which I did not know*.**’”
		1. We need to learn to wait and respect God’s sovereign will!
		2. There are “things too wonderful” for us to comprehend.
	3. Jeremiah 32:17, *“Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm!* ***Nothing is too difficult for You***.”
		1. - Jeremiah in essence said **“I did what you told me but I don’t understand!”**
		(vs. 24-25)
		2. God asked in Jeremiah 32:27, *“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh;* ***is anything too difficult for Me?”***
	4. Zechariah 8:6-7, *“Thus says the Lord of hosts,* ***'If it is too difficult in the sight of the remnant of this people in those days, will it also be too difficult in My sight?'*** *declares the Lord of hosts.”*
		1. Can God take the mess that we have made and bring something glorious and awesome out of it? If we don’t believe so, does that limit God?
	5. Matthew 19:23-26, The disciples then ask, ***“Then who can be saved?”.*** Jesus replied, *“****with people this is impossible****, but* ***with God all things are possible****.”*
		1. Followed the “rich young ruler” who came to Jesus hopeful and left sad over what Jesus told him he needed to be complete.
		2. *“And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, ‘****How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God****!’” stating that it was “****easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle…****’” (Luke 18:24-25; NKJV)*
		3. *In Luke 18:26, they ask,* ***“Then who can be saved?”.*** Jesus replied, *“****the things that are impossible with people are possible with God****.” (Luke 18:27)*
			1. If the rich young ruler had **DETACHED himself from the things of this life** and **ATTACHED himself to Jesus** to follow Him, eternal life would have been possible… In his present state, it indeed was impossible.
3. **What is too difficult for God?**
	1. To clearly and understandably reveal Himself and define truth? (John 1:17; 14:6; Ephesians 4:20-21)
		1. Through the Holy Spirit? (1 Corinthians 2:9-16)
		2. Such as we can understand? (Ephesians 3:3-5; 5:17)
		3. Why don’t some understand? (1 Corinthians 2:14-3:3; Matthew 13:13ff;
		John 12:16; 2 Peter 3:16-18).
	2. To rescue the righteous and punish the unrighteous? (2 Peter 2:4-9)
		1. There is always a way of escape. (1 Corinthians 10:12-13)
		2. He has blessed us with a “great deliverance”. (2 Corinthians 1:8-11)
			1. Through His use of the faithful (Genesis 45:7; 1 Samuel 14:45; Esther 4:14)
		3. “He Is Able To Deliver Thee”
	3. To provide “sufficient grace”?
		1. (2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Hebrews 4:14-16)
		2. “All things”? (Romans 8:31-32)
	4. To save the “worst” of sinners?
		1. Paul as our example. (1 Timothy 1:15-16)
		2. The weary and heavy laden” (Matthew 11:28-30; Luke 7:36-50; 19:10)
4. **What is too difficult for us?**
	1. Already addressed our ability to understand.
	2. Accomplish His work? (Matthew 25:24-25; Philippians 4:13)
	3. To overcome temptation and resist our adversary? (Matthew 6:13; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Ephesians 6:10ff; 1 Peter 5:8-9; Romans 8:37)
	4. To endure trials and persecution? (2 Corinthians 1:8-11; Romans 8:18)
	5. To turn from temporal riches to spiritual? (Hebrews
	6. To humble ourselves in faithful obedience? (Luke 15:17-20)
	7. To acknowledge our faith in Jesus Christ and confess Him before men? (Luke 12:8; Mark 14:31)
	8. To repent of our sins? (Acts 2:38)
		1. Bearing the fruit of repentance? (Luke 3:8-14; Acts 26:20)