

THE LAW OF FAITH – 5
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INTRODUCTION:

- **ISAIAH 55:6-9** – God’s way of thinking and doing things is far superior to man’s, so He instructs us to forsake our ways and thoughts and seek to operate in His.
- **ISAIAH 55:10-11** – God’s Word reveals His ways and thoughts. Without it, we would never understand His ways and thoughts.
- **ROMANS 12:2** – It’s our responsibility to change how we think and act. This transformation comes as we renew our minds.

CALLING THINGS WHICH ARE NOT AS THOUGH THEY WERE

ROMANS 4:17-21

Calling things that be not as though they were is a biblical principle used by God to perform a mighty work in the lives of Abraham and Sarah.

1. Quickeneth the dead: This expression is used in reference to Abraham’s body “now as good as dead,” and the “deadness of Sarah’s womb.”
2. Called... were: Many nations were to spring out from Abraham. When God declared it, He was childless and old. Nothing seemed less likely to come to pass.
3. So shall thy seed be: **GENESIS 15:5** – His descendants will be as innumerable as the stars, while they were childless.
4. Abraham considered His body: His age, the high improbability of ever having a son, and they were well past child-bearing. After considering all the factors, he concluded God’s promise highly outweighed the natural improbabilities.
5. Since Abraham means father of a multitude, every time Sarah said his name, she was calling things that be not as though they were.
6. Abraham believed God was able to perform His promise.

LOOKING BEYOND WHAT IS SEEN

2 KINGS 6:14-17

Elisha’s servant wasn’t wrong about what he saw. He saw themselves surrounded by an army, but Elisha looked at the unseen and called things that be not as though they were. He didn’t say “there’s no army out there.” He said “there are more that be with us than that be with them.”

2 KINGS 4:18-20, 25-26

“It is well” was calling things that be not as though they were. Instead of allowing death to have the final say, she tapped into God’s power that raised her son from the dead.

ISAIAH 46:9-10

God who calls the end from the beginning called Abraham the father of many nations before it was a physical reality. God doesn’t wait for something to happen before He calls it done. He calls it done, before it happens!

- **JOEL 3:10** – We must call ourselves strong while we’re weak in order for it to become a reality.
- **1 PETER 2:24** – We call ourselves healed before we see or feel it in order for it to be done.
- **1 CORINTHIANS 1:28** – God uses things that are not to bring to nought the things that are.