

**Today's Message**  
**Sunday, June 1, 2008**  
**Names of God Series-Part Seven**  
**El Shaddai...God Almighty Gen. 11-18**  
**Mistakes Make Mighty Men**

- I. Abram's Start (Gen. 11:27-32)
  - A. His Family
    - 1. Nahor
    - 2. Haran
    - 3. Lot
  - B. His Father
    - 1. A man committed to his family (v.31a)
    - 2. A man crushed by despair (v.31b-32)
- II. Abram's Future (Gen.12)
  - A. God's Call (v.1)
    - 1. Leave what's familiar
    - 2. Leave your family
  - B. God's Promise (v.2-3)
    - 1. I will use you
    - 2. I will bless you
    - 3. I will elevate you
    - 4. I will protect you
  - C. God's Servant (v.4)
    - 1. Willing to serve (v.4) "Abram was **75** years old"
    - 2. Willing to worship (v.7)
- III. Abram's Failures "Abram was **86** years old" (16:16)
  - A. Abram failed his wife
    - 1. He lied about her (12:13)
    - 2. He compromised with her (16:1-2)
  - B. Abram failed his Lord
    - 1. Sarai recognized it (v.5)
    - 2. Abram recognize it (v.6)
    - 3. God recognized it (v.7ff)
    - 4. Hagar recognized it (v.13)
    - 5. Abram lived with it "When he was **99** years old..." (17:1)
- IV. Abram's Renewal (Gen. 17)
  - A. God's Grace
    - 1. The Lord appeared to Abram (v.1)
    - 2. The Lord attended to Abram "I am El Shaddai!" (v.1b)
    - 3. The Lord affirmed Abram "walk before me..." (v.1c)
    - 4. The Lord cleansed Abram "...and be blameless" (v.1d)
  - B. God's Covenant (2ff)
    - 1. God chose Abram
    - 2. God changed Abram (**99** years old)
      - a. A new name (v.5a)
      - b. A new people (5b)
      - c. A new wife (v.15)
      - d. A new promise (v.16)
- V. Abraham's Struggle "Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to *himself*...(v.17)
  - A. Abraham's confession ("will a son be born to a man who is 100 years old?" 17:17b)

- B. Abraham's suggestion (v.18) "what about blessing Ishmael?"
- C. Abraham's obedience (v.23ff)
- D. Abraham's revelation (18:14) "I can't...But God Can!!!"

Practical Application: Everyone has failures in life. As we grow older, we have more and we see them with greater clarity. Are you focused on your failures or living in great regret...or are you focused on God's greatness and grace...and living in great hope?

Remember this: ***"Is there anything too hard for the Lord?" (18:13)***