



## Week 3 Homily Summary

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In this third week of the Lenten series *Seriously, God?! Making Sense When Life Doesn't Make Sense*, the focus is on a painful but common experience: feeling like God has let us down. When prayers go unanswered or life takes an unexpected, difficult turn, we may question God's goodness and faithfulness.

The homily explores this struggle through the story of Abraham, who was promised by God that he would become a great nation—yet he and his wife Sarah remained childless. Their waiting tested their trust in God, just as we often feel tested when our hopes seem to go unfulfilled.

A key lesson from Abraham's story is that **God's delays are not His denials**. Instead of merely giving us what we want immediately, God uses these moments to teach us **trust and faith**. While we may try to take control of our circumstances, God calls us to **surrender and believe in His greater plan**.

Abraham questioned God, and rather than rebuking him, God reassured him by pointing to the stars—reminding him that His promises are still in effect, even when they seem impossible. Likewise, when we feel abandoned by God, we should ask, **"What is God teaching me?"** rather than just "Why, God?"

The homily concludes with the message that **trusting in God is the foundation for receiving His blessings**. He allows trials not to punish us, but to strengthen our faith. In moments of doubt, we are invited to lean on Him, knowing that He is still working, even when we don't see it yet.