



Title: Just Askin'

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Synopsis: Imagine you ask your boss for a raise. You list all the reasons, and they are good ones, "the cost of living has increased" "I've been a good employee" "my kids need to go to college." Your boss agrees with you. You do need a raise. But instead of giving you the raise, your boss says, "I'm giving you the company." She opens the office window and says, "Take a look at the whole business, the buildings, the vehicles, the machinery and equipment, it's all yours." It takes you a moment to catch your breath, but you believe that what she is saying is true.

But now its fifteen years later and not only have you not yet received your company, you still haven't even gotten your raise. Then out of the blue, your boss comes in with a contract stipulating the demands and conditions that need to be met in order for you to receive your new company. And to be honest, the conversation happened so long ago, you're not really sure you even believe it or want it any more. I mean, after all, you're about ready to retire and your kids have already been through college!

This all seems a little insensitive to say the least. But what if your boss knows something about you that you don't? What if she knows that there are things that you need to learn about yourself, even though you are advanced in years? What if she knows that these things are critical to your success as the new owner of the company, both for you and as an example for your future employees?

This was the situation Abram found himself in. He needed an heir. God agreed that he needed an heir. But now he is ninety-nine years old and still, no heir. You see, Abram was asking for an heir when God wanted to give him a nation. Are you asking for a raise, when God wants to give you an inheritance? Just askin'. Happy Easter.