

Life Group Notes
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ABRAHAM ON THE MOVE

It was in Abraham's' going that he grew. Be ready to go, be ready to move when God instructs you. Not just moving for the sake of it but moving when he asks you to. Accept change. Embrace change. Expect change. Have a tent like mentality that will make you ready to go whenever He commands you. It's in going that you grow. It's in your obedience that you will grow in this kingdom.

ABRAHAM'S FEAR

There are two sides to this verse;

1. A demonic plan to stop the fulfilment of promise

If Sarah spends even one night in Abimelech's embrace, the paternity of the child to be born would be in question.

2. Abraham's fear of death made him to lie. Twenty-five years after leaving Egypt because of lying about his wife (Gen 12:10 -2-), Abraham reverted to the same ploy. The root of his behaviour was fear.

Fear makes you look inwards and not upwards. When you look inwards to yourself you make foolish decisions; often you forget the promise and the promise giver.

Do not fear. He that has promised is eternally committed to bringing to pass His promise. Always remember the promise giver.

GOD IS FAITHFUL (Gen 20: 3 – 6; 14 -16, 18)

God's intervention to ensure the promise is fulfilled despite Abraham's fall:

- a) Rebuked Abimelech in a dream
- b) Kept him from sleeping with her V.4
- c) Caused all the women to be infertile v.18
- d) Abraham was compensated with human and material resources. V.14 -16

God will go to any length to fulfil the promise. Because His word must be fulfilled. Isa 55:10 -11

God intervened despite Abraham's weakness.

Psalms 105:14 -15

In our journey to the fulfilment of the promise of God over our lives; we are not going to 100% make the right decisions all the time maybe due to our weakness like Abraham but our confidence and faith should be in God who is able to bring to pass the fulfilment of the promise over our lives when our heart is set to please him in obedience to the promise.

DISPLAY OF GOD'S GRACE (Gen 20:7 and 20:17)

Abraham, despite his lie, still served as God's intermediary and intercessor for Abimelech (v.17, 18)

Abraham's lie did not make God change the way he saw him – a prophet who brings God's word to God's people and take people's cry to God as in Sodom. This is the work of grace. But after this encounter with God's grace in this text, he was delivered from 24 years of living with this weakness and lived another 75 years with victory over this weakness. The grace of God will meet where you are, transform you and make you a better person. Titus 2:11 – 12 His grace is greater than the power of any sin or weakness. Look up to Him- Jesus-the grace of God.

QUESTIONS

1. What is/are the promise(s) of God you are living with or have found from God's word?
2. Discuss any fears that is taking your eyes off the promise
3. How do we appropriate the grace of God to overcoming our weakness?