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Abraham / Matthew 1:1; Romans 4:16; Genesis 12:1–3; Genesis 12:4

We know John 1:1

John 1:1NASB95PARA

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

First things are important.

Matthew 1:1NASB95PARA

1 The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Classic early biographies, there was not childhood story. They share bare essentials and then what happened once they showed up on the scene.

This is a three person family tree

Jesus the Messiah - Son of God - Second person of the trinity fully God fully man.

David. Son of Jesse 1000 years before Jesus

God raised David from humble origins as a shepherd from Bethlehem to rule as Israel's second king. David led Israel to its pinnacle of power and glory, and became the ideal for a future messianic leader that ultimately found fulfillment in David's descendant—Jesus. He showed success in various roles, including:

- Shepherd
- Military leader
- King

Wrote much of the book of Psalms

God made a promise that he would have a descendant on the throne

forever.

Going back another millenium we have **Abraham** who lived about 2000 years before Jesus.

Romans 4 Paul says that Abraham is not only the father of David, he is the Father of everyone who has faith in God. And everyone who is a child of Abraham gets what he got.

Romans 4:16 NASB95PARA

¹⁶ For this reason *it is* by faith, in order that *it may be* in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

God has promises in your life that are sustaining you in ways you can't see yet.

Bishop came and talked about living from the future.

We need to look back and learn our past so we can lean into our future.

- where we come from. story of our house.

What did it cost our Father Abraham to get obtain this promise and how can we learn from our past to lean into our future.

If he is the father of faith what is my inheritance?

Fresh ears and fresh eyes.

Faith is going to be sparked in your life and it will unlock the promises of God. It will empower you.

Abraham Genesis 11-25

Chapter 11 Tower of Babel and people were scattered.

Out of the chaos of this scattering of people we learn of a man named Terah who took his family from Ur of the Chaldeans to enter the land of Canaan but didn't get quite there before he died.

On the journey was Terah's grandson Lot, and Terah's son Abram along with

Abram's wife Sarai.

The first thing we learn about sarai is that she is barren. she has no child.

Abram has no children. he has no father, he has no land. and seemingly he has no future.

Into this barrenness God spoke.

Genesis 12:1-3 NASB95PARA

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; ² And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; ³ And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

If we are going to learn from the past but live from the future, we need to rightly discern where we come from and where we are going.

We have to learn that:

Faith is a journey.

this church, you, Abraham

We tend to focus on the promise instead of the pathway.

If we focus on the journey, God will take care of the promise.

God wants to show Himself mighty in your life.

we hear verse 2-3 but ignore verse 1

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The promises of God are always conditional on you completing the corresponding action.

God has answers to your dilemma but not necessarily the answers you want.

God knows what he is doing and he wants to move us from our barrenness but it takes a journey out of what we know and into the unknown. If you knew what would fix your barrenness you would have already fixed it. But God is calling you into the dark deep waters of faith where you can't take credit for the breakthrough.

Out of what we learned in past seasons.

We need to journey out of what we trusted in the last season to get what God has for us in this new season.

You had successful tactics for the last season, they won't work in this season.

God is wiping the slate clean to write something new.

This is the pattern of the Bible

In the beginning the earth was without form or void and the Spirit hovered

Elijah had to journey into the drought before he could declare that God was the true God

The children of Israel had to leave Egypt and journey into the barrenness of the desert

Jesus got the Holy Ghost in his baptism and the Spirit lead him away into the desert

God will lead us into a season of barrenness to strip away the distractions from what he really wants to heal us of.

Increase your faith and trust in Him

Genesis 12:2 NASB95PARA

² And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;

A great nation?

75 years and no land, no kids, no father, barren wife, barren future.

But God wanted to do something through Abram so he first had to do something in Abram.

In order for Abram to understand God was all He needed he had to take him to a place where the promise of God was all he had.

This is what happened with our Savior.

Mary was without husband but she had a promise and out of that barren womb came Jesus

Jesus left his father's house, was raised on earth with no earthly father, no status, no inheritance from man, but had a word over His life.

Luke 2:52 NASB95PARA

⁵² And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

This ties him to the prophet Samuel who also grew on earth without an earthly father.

1 Samuel 2:26 NASB95PARA

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel was growing in stature and in favor both with the LORD and with men.

This is the pattern of God. You can skip it but you will never come into the fullness of your calling and blessing.

Single mothers – Those without earthly inheritance thank God.

You may be living in barrenness right now, but keep following Jesus, keep serving in his house, Keep the testimony of God on your lips, Keep faithful in your finances and God is going to increase your faith so you can move mountains.

God wants to show the world that He is the one true God

This is the #1 role of every prophet. Its not to tell the future, or do magic

tricks.

In the prophetic flow of this house is on your life to point people to Jesus. Sometimes God has to get you in a situation that only he can rescue you so the people around you can see that Jesus is alive.

Genesis 12:3 NASB95PARA

³ And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

My life is a sign.

I have never seen anyone fight the anointing on this church and it wind up good for them.

When you come against me, you come against the word of God on my life.

You have a promise – and that promise is for your good and God’s glory and God is going to protect that promise.

God needs you to lean to walk in the promise of God so you can be a clean avenue of blessing for the people around you.

Its not just about you. It’s about everyone around you God has called you to reach.

If you go on the faith journey with God He will fulfill every promise in your life and you will change the world around you.

The Juneteenth Journey of the promise

Abraham Lincoln emancipation proclamation on January 1 1863 freed the enslaved people in America.

People led west to Texas to escape Union troops and by 1865 there were a quarter million enslaved people in Texas.

The Seditious Robert E Lee surrendered in April of 1865 but Texas did not until June.

Juneteenth is not celebrated when the order was given, nor when most enslaved people were free. It was when the last of the Confederacy was defeated.

We rejoice with every victory in our life but can't fully rejoice until we all get over the finish line.

Not enough for me to get some breakthrough. We need to keep getting over, being delivered, growing in faith so we can continue to walk in victory and set others free.

Abram did what we need to do.

Genesis 12:4 NASB95PARA

⁴ So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

We need to trust God in our barrenness and not be distracted from the call on our house, and our lives.

Prophecy