

The Life of Abraham part 4

Text: Genesis 16-17

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Support Verses

Abraham and Sarah are set up in the NT as models to teach us how to live the life of faith

Hebrews 11:8

“By faith Abraham...”

Hebrews 11:11

“By faith Sarah...”

- Sometimes their faith is heroic
 - Like when Abraham chases down Chedaloamar to rescue Lot
- Others times their faith is more common
 - Like when they leave the gods of their ancestors to follow YHWH and break away from the culture to live for another kingdom

Hebrews 11:10

for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

The Situation

Genesis 11:30

But Sarai was **barren**; she had no child.

Genesis 12:4

So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And **Abram was seventy-five years old** when he departed from Haran.

Summary

Genesis 18:11

Now Abraham and Sarah **were old, well advanced in age**; and Sarah had **passed the age of childbearing**.

Commentary

Hebrews 11:11

By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when **she was past the age**, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

Hebrews 11:12

Therefore **from one man, and him as good as dead**, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

Promises

Genesis 12:2

I will make you a great **nation**;

I will bless you

And make your name great;

And you shall be a blessing.

Genesis 13:16

And I will make your **descendants as the dust** of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered.

Genesis 15:3-5

Then Abram said, “Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!”

And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “**This one shall not be your heir**, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.” Then He brought him outside and said, “**Look now toward heaven, and count the stars** if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

Map 1

Genesis 25:12

Now this is the **genealogy** of Ishmael, Abraham’s son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah’s maidservant, bore to Abraham.

Genesis 25:17

These were the years of the life of Ishmael: one hundred and thirty-seven years; and he breathed his last and died, and was gathered to **his people**.

Genesis 25:18

(**They dwelt** from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt as you go toward Assyria.) He died in the presence of all his brethren.

Map 1 and 2

Romans 4:11

And he received the **sign** of circumcision, a **seal** of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also,

Colossians 2:11-12

In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, **by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh**, by the circumcision of Christ, **buried with Him in baptism**, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Mark 8:34-35

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, **let him deny himself**, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

Romans 6:1-4

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.