

Amber's Article

Miracles.

¹⁷⁻¹⁸We call Abraham "father" not because he got God's attention by living like a saint, but because God made something out of Abraham when he was a nobody. Isn't that what we've always read in Scripture, God saying to Abraham, "I set you up as father of many peoples"? Abraham was first named "father" and then became a father because he dared to trust God to do what only God could do: raise the dead to life, with a word make something out of nothing. When everything was hopeless, Abraham believed anyway, deciding to live not on the basis of what he saw he couldn't do but on what God said he would do. And so he was made father of a multitude of peoples. God himself said to him, "You're going to have a big family, Abraham!" ¹⁹⁻²⁵Abraham didn't focus on his own impotence and say, "It's hopeless. This hundred-year-old body could never father a child." Nor did he survey Sarah's decades of infertility and give up. He didn't tiptoe around God's promise asking cautiously skeptical questions. He plunged into the promise and came up strong, ready for God, sure that God would make good on what he had said. That's why it is said, "Abraham was declared fit before God by trusting God to set him right." But it's not just Abraham; it's also us! The same thing gets said about us when we embrace and believe the One who brought Jesus to life when the conditions were equally hopeless. The sacrificed Jesus made us fit for God, set us right with God.

~Romans 4:18-21 The Message (MSG)

We've heard this story countless times. The miracle of a hundred year old impotent Abraham and a barren Sarah birthing a son. Truly amazing every time we hear it. But what is amazing me more and more right now, as I am waiting on my own personal miracle from God, is the fact that Abraham was 75 years old when the Lord promised him a son. He waited 25 YEARS for his miracle! How many of us can see ourselves doing that? OMG, that brings uncertain fear to my heart if I let it.

Holding on to the promise He has given me as the Originator of miracles may become difficult to hold on to. Not, not MAY, it WILL be stinkin difficult! We start to think, "Oh maybe I didn't really hear that promise from God." Or maybe "I need to go somewhere else and get a fresh Word again from the Lord!" Maybe we start to take matters into our own hands...our own "bright ideas" we hope God will bless. But my goodness, when I do that, I find myself pummeled with chaos and confusion and tears. Yeh- those "bright ideas" only have results that ultimately delay my miracle! My plans may bring me momentary emotional release, but they also cost me a lot of extra pain and work in the long run. UGH. When will I ever learn?? We must PRAY FIRST and daily align our hearts with God and agree with His plan. Not plan first and pray OUR plan will work. That spells disaster.

Friends, it will be difficult to believe God and hold on day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year...but we have the hope that no matter what our circumstances, God promises good to those who serve him! Our sense of "good" may not be the same as God's however. We must have faith that can move these formidable mountains. He specializes in the impossible! Do you REALIZE THAT??? Providing a son for Abraham and Sarah, killing a giant with a stone, opening the Red Sea for His people to walk across. That's the Holy Spirit at work, defying the laws of nature!!! He made the laws, so He can BREAK them! And not just in "Bible Times"! Don't let the devil get in your mind and say, "Those were SPECIAL people. God won't do anything special for you now. Why should He?"

That is a satanic LIE! One that FAR too many of us just accept. No way. Not me! God wants to do good things for his children...you & me! Expect a miracle in your life! Expect a miracle in mine! Refuse to give up! You WILL see results! THANK YOU JESUS!!!! You are the God of the impossible and I ask You to help us wait on You and NEVER GIVE UP!

Grace & Agape,

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