



Come & See What God Has Done

Now the Lord said to Abram – Day 4

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Genesis 12:1-3, Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. Will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

The story of Abram (aka Abraham) is one of unexpected results in a seemingly hopeless situation. His story also has many twists and turns and covers many chapters of the Book of Genesis. The aspect of his life we will focus on is the promise given to him by God from Genesis 12:2, And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

Abram and his wife Sarai (aka Sarah) were childless in their old age. For Abram to hear he would make of him a great nation must have been astounding. How could this be? He had no children, and Sarai was well beyond childbearing age. His prospects for a living legacy were dim at best. Abram was thinking in terms of human capabilities. But God can do exceedingly more than we can imagine. And Abram and Sarai would be just one of many examples of what our God can do.

Often, we can fall into the same trap as Abram and Sarai. We limit what God can do to what we can conceive of Him doing. We must remember that he is much more than we can grasp conceptually. He is an infinite being, and we are temporal beings. With that limitation, we must conceive what is possible beyond our limited imagination. But Abram and Sarai conceiving a child is just that. Unimaginable to us but no big deal to our God in Heaven. The creator of the universe cannot be put into any box we can conceive of. That does not mean we will not keep trying to do so.

When we pray for help, we often expect to see results in our timeframe. But God is off our timeline. Abram would be made a great nation, but he would not see it. Yet, through faith, he could believe it to be so. We can have that same faith. We must get over ourselves and trust God to do as His will calls for.

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