

Your dreams vs. God's dreams over you.

Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]-- To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen (so be it). (Ephesians 3:20, 21 AMP)

Abraham dreams small, his dream is for one heir, he stared himself blind on this dream, begging God, seeking God, complaining with God to have this one dream fulfilled. Often we dream small, we see the small picture and cling to that..

And Abram said, Lord God, what can You give me, since I am going on [from this world] childless and he who shall be the owner and heir of my house is this [steward] Eliezer of Damascus? And Abram continued, Look, You have given me no child; and [a servant] born in my house is my heir. (Genesis 15:2-3 AMP)

But what was Gods dream for Abraham ? If Abraham asked God for His dream he would have heard that God's dream not only included but by far surpasses Abraham's dream, this is what God dreamt for Abraham:

This man shall not be your heir, but he who shall come from your own body shall be your heir. And He brought him outside [his tent into the starlight] and said, Look now toward the heavens and count the stars--if you are able to number them. Then He said to him, So shall your descendants be. And he [Abram] believed in (trusted in, relied on, remained steadfast to) the Lord, and He counted it to him as righteousness (right standing with God). (Genesis 15:4-6 AMP)

God makes a promise and will we hold on to it until He brings it or will we make our own plans instead of being led by the Holy Spirit ? Still after this 1st promise Abraham gave in to negativity and bad council and bad decisions . Desperation causes you to listen to unwise council instead of to God and this could have long term negative effects for you and others (but God):

NOW SARAI, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had an Egyptian maid whose name was Hagar. And Sarai said to Abram, See here, the Lord has restrained me from bearing [children]. I am asking you to have intercourse with my maid; it may be that I can obtain children by her. And Abram listened to and heeded what Sarai said. (Genesis 16:1, 2 AMP)

But God in His love comes and reconfirms His dream for Abraham. God is not confused but often we are, the dream He spoke over you is the dream He speaks over you, He wants to bring it to fulfilment, He wants to see that dream come to life because it is part of His eternal and temporal destiny for your life:

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WHEN ABRAM was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, I am the Almighty God; walk and live habitually before Me and be perfect (blameless, wholehearted, complete). And I will make My covenant (solemn pledge) between Me and you and will multiply you exceedingly. Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, As for Me, behold, My covenant (solemn pledge) is with you, and you shall be the father of many nations. Nor shall your name any longer be Abram [high, exalted father]; but your name shall be Abraham [father of a multitude], for I have made you the father of many nations. And I will make you exceedingly fruitful and I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting, solemn pledge, to be a God to you and to your posterity after you. And I will give to you and to your posterity after you the land in which you are a stranger [going from place to place], all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. (Genesis 17:1-8 AMP)

Trusting in God brings long term , lasting and generational blessing...

But still after this Abraham tried to make God conform to his ideas, not flowing with God but trying to get God to bless his ideas of how things must work. Abraham wanted to make a slave girls child inherit, didnt think God would supply even in his small dream, man made plans to try and fulfil our dreams out of line with God. Trying to get God to bless our own ideas instead of asking Him for His is never His heart, so instead of giving in to Abraham trying to get his idea blessed God again confirms that Gods way is the way to this great multitude of descendants...

Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said in his heart, Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a son? And [he] said to God, Oh, that Ishmael might live before You! But God said, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son indeed, and you shall call his name Isaac [laughter]; and I will establish My covenant or solemn pledge with him for an everlasting covenant and with his posterity after him. (Genesis 17:17-19 AMP)

Abraham had to go from faithless to faith filled... He had to shut his ears to the pressures and wrong ideas of family (friends, colleagues, spiritual acquaintances judging from their own perspective and needs and not Gods heart) and open his ears to God. How often do you hear from God and believe in it but quickly allow fear and negativity and the counsel of others to squash that dream, putting it aside ? Be careful who you share your dreams with, who you tell of what God has revealed to you because as Abraham (And David, Joseph etc.) found out the hard way, some people will try to talk down and smother and kill your dreams, even those that you might expect to promote and support your dreams.

Then after he allowed Gods plans, God still brought something good out of Abrahams bad decisions due to mans ideas (only then) ... as Gods plan then is your focus... When you lay down your own dreams God might just fulfil your dreams anyway as part of the bigger dream He is fulfilling (or He will give you something better), either way, God's way is and always will be the best way.

And as for Ishmael, I have heard and heeded you: behold, I will bless him and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly; He will be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. [Fulfilled in Gen. 25:12-18.] But My covenant, My promise and pledge, I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year. (Genesis 17:20, 21 AMP)

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We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and purpose. (Romans 8:28 AMP)

What are Gods design and purpose ? His dream over your life.....
Are you dreaming Gods dreams with Him or dreaming your dreams resisting Him ?
Surrender to Gods dreams brings Gods solution, even to our past mistakes...

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