

1-15-23 MESSAGE
FOLLOWING ABRAHAM'S EXAMPLE FOR THE NEW YEAR

ABRAHAM'S EXAMPLE OF NEEDING A NEW START FOR THE NEW YEAR:

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Genesis 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Genesis 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 12:4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram [was] seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

Genesis 12:5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

Abram was 75 years old when the Lord challenged him to establish this new start...

I. ABRAHAM WAS AN EXAMPLE OF A MAN WHO WAS NOT AFRAID TO MAKE A NEW START FOR GOD

This new start involved a separation to God...

II Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you,

II Corinthians 6:18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

II Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

The word Holy means to be set apart...

If we are going to be Holy people we need to be set apart people...

We need to be set apart to God...

Notice that when God called Abraham to himself he called him to separate from others

God called Abraham to separate out of His Wordly Country:

God called Abraham to separate from His Wordly Acquaintances:

God called Abraham to separate from His Wordly Family:

If we are going to follow Abraham's example we need to be a holy separated people ...

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Does God require similar things of us today? I believe he does!

I. EACH OF US NEEDS TO FOLLOW ABRAHAM'S EXAMPLE:

1. Many people are hindered in their salvation because of the pressures of the world which could be likened to Abrahams call to leave his country:

Actually Abraham was called out of the City and into the wilderness..

Generally people of the city are more brain washed and controlled by the world:

Pressure of the powers that be and country or society and culture all go against true worship: Most times the political systems of this world are slanted against godliness.... To be a true worshipper of God we need to be willing to separate from these.

The culture of this world the system of this world by and large is molded of Satan and not of God....

SCRIPTURAL PROOF OF THIS

A. We pray for God's kingdom or country to come

Why should we pray for God's will and kingdom come if it is being done:

Luke 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

The Bible commands us not to conform to this world. The Bible says the world is at enmity against God. We are not to be a friend of this world. etc

B. The Bible is clear that Satan is called the god of this world: The seat of control of this world is in the cities not the country. Let us follow Abraham's example and become a pilgrim to this world system.

So Abraham was called out of the UR of the Chaldees to the wilderness so to speak.. The Chaldean civilization was the seat of civilization in the day. This was the cradle of civilization in the day. Earliest writings came from that area. It was probably the most prosperous city in the world at the time. It also was a place of great idolatry where people worshipped the moon. It was no doubt a place where in the day Satan would have had his seat there!

II Corinthians 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

II Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

When the Lord opened Abraham's eyes to who he was .. he called him out of his country and people like so many others who believed.

Paul the Apostle was rejected of his country and countrymen when he got saved.. Many many Christians have had to follow this pattern of starting a new when they get saved.

How many Christians in the Soviet Union.. and other communist countries suffered rejection and persecution in order to follow Christ?

Make this New Year a new start where you are committed to not being conformed to this world but to be like Abraham and starting out a new!

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

As this world seeks to put you into their mold.. we as Christians need to reject that mold and seek to be molded by the word of God and Christ...

Today, more and more our nation is becoming anti-christ..

Laws are being passed to try and force Christians to violate Scripture in the area of child training and morality..

Laws are being passed to force Christians to accept homosexuality..

Laws are being passed to force Christians to expose their kids to atheistic humanism...

2. We need to separate unto God and put him above this world!

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

God called Abraham to leave the people he grew up with ...

Peer pressure of friends and people around us often will intimidate us to do things against God..

Many a mother with a son in jail... often the mother says.. He's a good boy but has bad friends...

Psalms 1:1 Blessed [is] the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Psalms 1:2 But his delight [is] in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Proverbs 1:10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

How many people have destroyed themselves just by being with the wrong people...

Think about it the wrong people are not going to be comfortable in God's house very long... Wrong people will not be comfortable with you if you try to live for God!

Judas could only take 3 years of Christ's preaching and doctrine...

Just as Abraham was called out.. so too we are called out to be separate from the world system and unbelievers..

II Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

II Corinthians 6:15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

II Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in [them]; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

II Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you,

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After I received Christ, God had to lead me to separate from family and friends. If I had been disobedient to that call I would not be here today.

I tell the story many many times how God used a deacon in our church to admonish me to follow Abraham's example when I was first saved. My friend Carl Shanosk told me to obey Genesis Chapter 12 and do as Abraham did to follow God. Family and friends can drag you away from God if they are not saved.

3. To be separated unto God we need to make the Lord pre-eminent in our hearts above everyone family and friends ...

Teaching of Scripture in this matter:

Matthew 10:37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Luke 14:25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,

Luke 14:26 If any [man] come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

God told Abraham to separate himself from his Kindred and his Father's house...

Does God call us to do the same?

Self with salvation of family...

Being Italian, family tradition and even church traditions were an important part of our lives.. Most of the time church was just that: filled with customs and traditions and we didn't take what we were doing more serious than that.

To be born again you are born not into an earthly family first but into a heavenly family first.....

If the traditions of family and friends go against the word of God we need to choose to put the Lord first... How few people do this:

How many people have refused to leave a Liberal Ecumenical Church because of families ties and history?

I meet a man who worked for the FBI and knew that money was being sent to communist organizations through his church supporting the World Council of Churches. He knew his church was supporting the ungodly causes but refused to leave the church because generations of family ties..

Today we have main line churches that support homosexual marriages, radical environmentalism, and many other liberal causes and still people support these liberal churches and claim to be saved. I believe God is calling his people to be like Abraham of old.

Conclusion:

The greatest reason people do not get saved, or do not dedicate their lives to the Lord is because they refuse to do what Abraham did. The refused to follow God's call to be called out and follow HIM!

One of the greatest struggles I faced in giving my heart to Christ was the pressure of family. It held me back for a while.

Mother, Father, family, friends, culture, society, my country.. CITY... mentality. Our love for God needs to be greater than our love for family, friends, and this world.

In our hearts.. we all need to do what Abraham did...

Make 2023 a year of a New Start... for you... Let's follow Abraham's example and leave the world and separate ourselves unto God.

Maybe you need to be an Abraham in 2023!

**ABRAHAM WAS A MAN WHO WAS AN EXAMPLE TO US ALL
TO FOLLOW IN THE NEW YEAR EVENING SERVICE**

**II ABRAHAM WAS AN EXAMPLE OF A MAN WHO WAS NOT AFRAID TO
MAKE NEW COMMITMENTS TO THE LORD**

**1. AT AGE 99 HE MADE NEW SPIRITUAL COMMITMENTS AND COVENANTS
WITH GOD**

Genesis 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I [am] the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

Genesis 17:2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

Genesis 17:3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

Genesis 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant [is] with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

Hebrews 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Hebrews 8:7 For if that first [covenant] had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

Hebrews 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

Hebrews 8:9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

Hebrews 8:10 For this [is] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Hebrews 8:11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

Hebrews 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

The New Covenant that we receive imparts to us a New Nature.. and a New Spirit

Think about these many Old Testament Believers who had to become New Covenant Believers when the church first started. Nicodemus was one of them. It was quite a struggle for many of them.

Some of these were older believers, who were willing to learn new things and respond to new challenges..

So it is with us.. we need to never get too old to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord..

The New Covenant is a covenant that promises that God will be in us teaching and guiding us.. to new learning insight and spiritual obedience..

So we need to make this new year a new year of new growth in Christ. Let us grow in the grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Abraham at the age of 99 was circumcised! Most people as they get older lose not only their Physical sense of hearing.. but they lose their spiritual hearing. One older fellow said to me if I didn't learn it by now I never will. Just because you're old doesn't mean there are not new things to learn.

III. ABRAHAM WAS AN EXAMPLE OF A OLD MAN WHO BECAME A PARTAKER OF A NEW COVENANT WITH GOD..

We call it the Old Covenant.. but remember to Abraham it was a New Covenant..

1. THIS NEW COVENANT GAVE HIM A NEW NAME:

Genesis 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Genesis 17:6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

Genesis 17:7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

He was challenged to be the father of many nations...

EACH YEAR WE SHOULD BE (BEING) CHANGED INTO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST...

In the Bible when people were saved they took a new Name..

Saul became Paul... etc...

In India this is still the custom because Old Names were often tied into their Hindu Gods...

People of longevity are people who don't stop learning and are willing to face new challenges in their lives..

People who continue to work in the latter years often stay younger..

Here we have Abraham at age 99 changing his name... he was willing to make changes at the age of 99....

So many people get so set in their ways that they think that with age they have automatic perfection... As long as we are in the flesh we are in the race... As long as we are in the race we need to move forward. There is room to strive.

Philippians 3:11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Philippians 3:12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but [this] one thing [I do], forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

Philippians 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

Perfection is a mindset... as many of us that are perfect need to be thus minded.....

Notice Paul says, NOT AS THOUGH I HAD ALREADY ATTAINED..

How is it that so many as they get older think they have already attained as if they were already perfect? Paul says, I keep striving, I keep moving forward.. There is progress to be made. There are commitments to make. There are new things to work towards. There is new growth to be had.

The older we get the more we should grow..

The more we should grow the more we learn about God's holiness and majesty..

The more we learn about God's majesty and glory.. the less we become in our own eyes..

So here I am nearly 70 years old and I feel less holy than the day I got saved.

We are not perfect till we shed this body and receive a new one. Our perfection is not on this side of the grave. God has given us a new year to move forward. If you are here, you are here to be in the race. Let's run it together in this New Year! Let's move forward. Let's press forward..

Hebrews 11 says that Abraham by faith set out to seek a country and a city built by God. He saw the promises a far off. He personally never received the promises.. but believed he would through his children.

Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Hebrews 11:9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as [in] a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

Hebrews 11:10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker [is] God.

Hebrews 11:11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

Hebrews 11:12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, [so many] as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of [them], and embraced [them], and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Hebrews 11:14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

Hebrews 11:15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that [country] from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

Hebrews 11:16 But now they desire a better [country], that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Hebrews 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten [son],

Hebrews 11:18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

Hebrews 11:19 Accounting that God [was] able to raise [him] up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

2. THIS NEW COVENANT BROUGHT NEW COMMITMENTS:

Genesis 17:10 This [is] my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

Genesis 17:11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

Genesis 17:12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which [is] not of thy seed.

Genesis 17:13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

Genesis 17:23 And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.

Genesis 17:24 And **Abraham [was] ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.**

Genesis 17:25 And Ishmael his son [was] thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

Genesis 17:26 In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.

At age 99 Abraham was Circumcised.... he was willing to obey God ...

I could see old people today arguing with God about obeying him in this matter..

Lord such an operation at my age.. I'm too old for that...

So it is if God tells you to do something .. do it.. don't hesitate.. follow the Lord obey Him!

I see so many people that do not follow the Lord in believer's baptism because they are older. This is stupid. Abraham was 99 when the Lord gave him the command. You are never too old or too young to obey God!

3. THIS NEW COVENANT BROUGHT NEW CHALLENGES

Genesis 17:15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah [shall] her name [be].

Genesis 17:16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be [a mother] of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

Genesis 17:17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall [a child] be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

Genesis 17:18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

Genesis 17:19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, [and] with his seed after him.

Genesis 17:20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

Genesis 17:21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

Genesis 21:5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

Genesis 21:6 And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, [so that] all that hear will laugh with me.

Genesis 21:7 And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born [him] a son in his old age.

God gave Abraham a new challenge at age 100. He was to be a Father. This was a miracle. As we get older we need to accept new challenges if God places them before us. If we are here, we are here for a purpose. If God places before us new challenges we need to accept these!

God may give us a new baby to nurture in 2023.. Maybe not a literal baby but he may give us a ***new project, a new ministry.. a new challenge***. Let us press forward for God in this new year!

4. THIS NEW COVENANT DEMANDED RENEWED DEDICATION & COMMITMENTS

Genesis 21:34 And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines' land many days.

Genesis 22:1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, [here] I [am].

Genesis 22:2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only [son] Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Genesis 22:3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Genesis 22:4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

Genesis 22:5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

Genesis 22:6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid [it] upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

Genesis 22:7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here [am] I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where [is] the lamb for a burnt offering?

Genesis 22:8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

Genesis 22:9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

Genesis 22:10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

Genesis 22:11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here [am] I.

Genesis 22:12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only [son] from me.

Genesis 22:13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind [him] a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

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Just because we get old, does not mean we cannot accept new challenges from God. We need to put God first and keep putting God first. Abraham was an old man when he was challenged to offer up his son. He did so, obeyed God, and received a blessing for it.

This was a test to see just how dedicated Abraham was to God.

Let us accept new challenges in the new year!

CONCLUSION AND APPLICATIONS TO OUR LIVES:

It never ceases to amaze me how as people get older they become spiritually lazy. Jesus gave a parable about how we need to be wise and prepare for meeting God.

Luke 16:1 And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.

Luke 16:2 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

Luke 16:3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.

Luke 16:4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

Luke 16:5 So he called every one of his lord's debtors [unto him], and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?

Luke 16:6 And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.

Luke 16:7 Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore.

Luke 16:8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

In this parable, the Lord is trying to teach his children how to make preparation to meet God and prepare for the Bema Seat Judgment. A time when we will be called into question about our stewardship. There is no time to waste. Now is the time to make preparation to meet God. Are yo prepared to meet Him?

Let us be wise. This unjust steward in this parable was wise in that he made preparation for the day that he was going to be called into question about his

stewardship. We have a better habitation in heaven, let us make that sure. Are we investing in eternity? Are we laying up in store for ourselves an eternal habitation.

I Timothy 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

I Timothy 6:18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

I Timothy 6:19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Note what our Lord taught in the context of this passage:

Luke 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Luke 16:11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true [riches]?

Luke 16:12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

Luke 16:13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Everything we have we need to be faithful with! Have you been faithful.

The New Year is a new opportunity to have some fruit for eternity!!!