

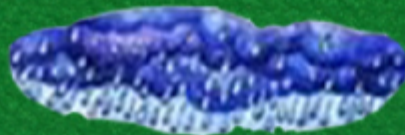
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Stories



ABRAHAM





I. **LET'S TELL THE**
STORY OF ABRAHAM.



¹ SOME TIME LATER, THE LORD SPOKE TO ABRAM IN A VISION AND SAID TO HIM, "DO NOT BE AFRAID, ABRAM, FOR I WILL PROTECT YOU, AND YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT."

GENESIS 15:1-6 NLT

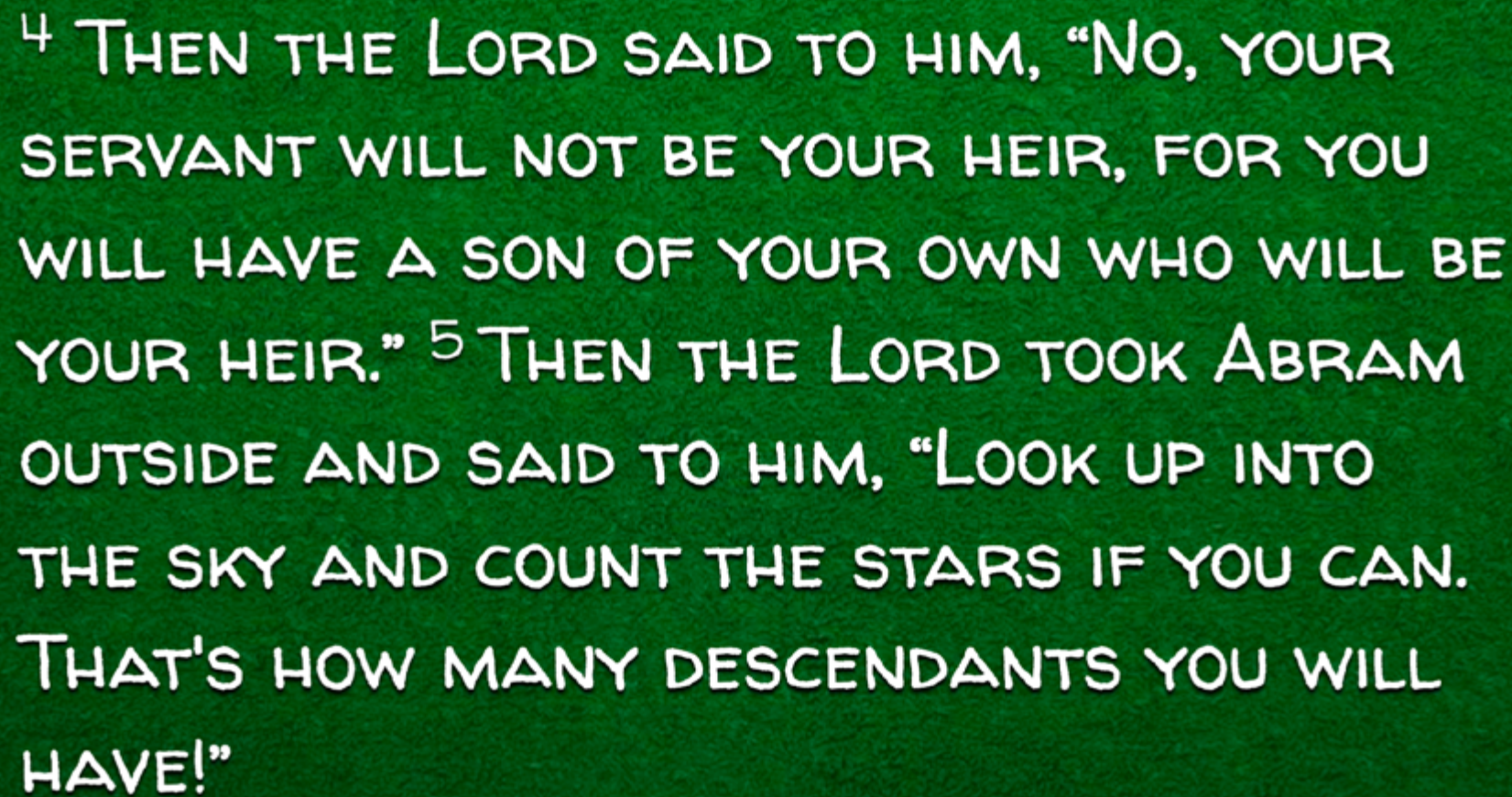


² BUT ABRAM REPLIED, "O SOVEREIGN LORD, WHAT GOOD ARE ALL YOUR BLESSINGS WHEN I DON'T EVEN HAVE A SON? SINCE YOU'VE GIVEN ME NO CHILDREN, ELIEZER OF DAMASCUS, A SERVANT IN MY HOUSEHOLD, WILL INHERIT ALL MY WEALTH. ³ YOU HAVE GIVEN ME NO DESCENDANTS OF MY OWN, SO ONE OF MY SERVANTS WILL BE MY HEIR."



GENESIS 15:1-6 NLT





⁴ THEN THE LORD SAID TO HIM, "NO, YOUR SERVANT WILL NOT BE YOUR HEIR, FOR YOU WILL HAVE A SON OF YOUR OWN WHO WILL BE YOUR HEIR." ⁵ THEN THE LORD TOOK ABRAM OUTSIDE AND SAID TO HIM, "LOOK UP INTO THE SKY AND COUNT THE STARS IF YOU CAN. THAT'S HOW MANY DESCENDANTS YOU WILL HAVE!"

GENESIS 15:1-6 NLT

⁶ AND ABRAM BELIEVED THE LORD, AND THE LORD COUNTED HIM AS RIGHTEOUS BECAUSE OF HIS FAITH.

GENESIS 15:1-6 NLT



¹ NOW SARAI, ABRAM'S WIFE, HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO BEAR CHILDREN FOR HIM. BUT SHE HAD AN EGYPTIAN SERVANT NAMED HAGAR. ² SO SARAI SAID TO ABRAM, "THE LORD HAS PREVENTED ME FROM HAVING CHILDREN. GO AND SLEEP WITH MY SERVANT. PERHAPS I CAN HAVE CHILDREN THROUGH HER." AND ABRAM AGREED WITH SARAI'S PROPOSAL.



GENESIS 16:1-2 NLT

¹⁵ SO HAGAR GAVE ABRAM A SON, AND
ABRAM NAMED HIM ISHMAEL. ¹⁶ ABRAM
WAS EIGHTY-SIX YEARS OLD WHEN ISHMAEL
WAS BORN.

GENESIS 16:15-16 NLT



¹ THE LORD KEPT HIS WORD AND DID FOR SARAH EXACTLY WHAT HE HAD PROMISED. ² SHE BECAME PREGNANT, AND SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A SON FOR ABRAHAM IN HIS OLD AGE. THIS HAPPENED AT JUST THE TIME GOD HAD SAID IT WOULD. ³ AND ABRAHAM NAMED THEIR SON ISAAC.



⁵ ABRAHAM WAS 100 YEARS OLD WHEN ISAAC WAS BORN.

GENESIS 21:1-3, 5 NLT



II. THE PATTERN OF THE PROMISES OF GOD.

THE PATTERN OF THE PROMISES
OF GOD HAS THREE STEPS

THE PROMISE IS **SPOKEN**

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GENESIS 1:5 NLT

THE PATTERN OF THE PROMISES
OF GOD HAS THREE STEPS

THE PROMISE IS **DELAYED**

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BEAR CHILDREN FOR HIM. BUT SHE HAD AN EGYPTIAN
SERVANT NAMED HAGAR.

GENESIS 16:1-2 NLT

THE PATTERN OF THE PROMISES
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² SO SARAI SAID TO ABRAM, "THE LORD HAS PREVENTED ME FROM HAVING CHILDREN. GO AND SLEEP WITH MY SERVANT. PERHAPS I CAN HAVE CHILDREN THROUGH HER." AND ABRAM AGREED WITH SARAI'S PROPOSAL.

GENESIS 16:1-2 NLT

THE PATTERN OF THE PROMISES
OF GOD HAS THREE STEPS

THE PROMISE IS PROVIDED

¹ THE LORD KEPT HIS WORD AND DID FOR SARAH EXACTLY WHAT HE HAD PROMISED. ² SHE BECAME PREGNANT, AND SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A SON FOR ABRAHAM IN HIS OLD AGE. THIS HAPPENED AT JUST THE TIME GOD HAD SAID IT WOULD.

GENESIS 21:1-2 NLT

III. WHAT NOT TO DO DURING THE DELAY?



**TRADE THE
PROMISE FOR
A PERHAPS**

“GO AND SLEEP WITH MY
SERVANT. PERHAPS I CAN
HAVE CHILDREN THROUGH
HER.”

GENESIS 16:2B NLT



III. WHAT NOT TO DO DURING THE DELAY?



MISS THE FACT THAT GOD WANTS TO CHANGE YOUR NAME.

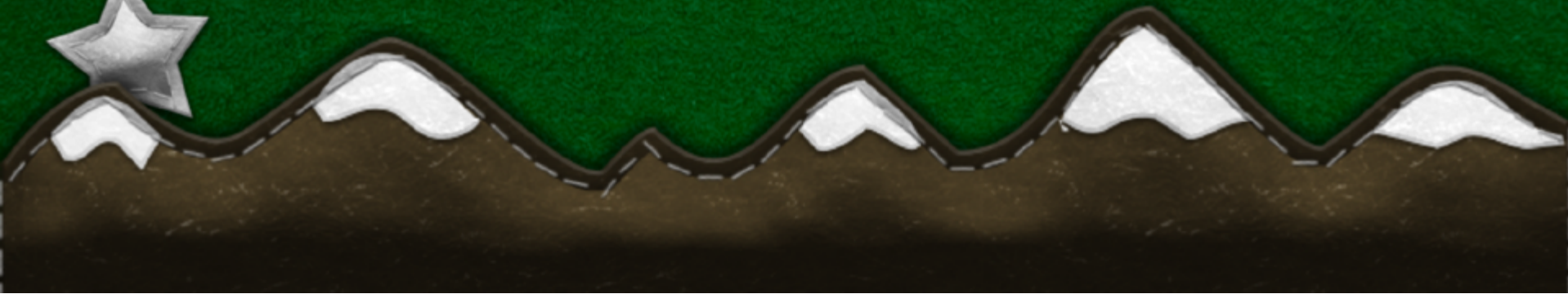


III. WHAT NOT TO DO DURING THE DELAY?



⁵ WHAT'S MORE, I AM CHANGING YOUR NAME. IT WILL NO LONGER BE ABRAM. INSTEAD, YOU WILL BE CALLED ABRAHAM,

GENESIS 17:5-6 NLT



III. WHAT NOT TO DO DURING THE DELAY?



FOR YOU WILL BE THE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS. ⁶ I WILL MAKE YOU EXTREMELY FRUITFUL. YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BECOME MANY NATIONS, AND KINGS WILL BE AMONG THEM!

GENESIS 17:5-6 NLT



¹⁵ THEN GOD SAID TO ABRAHAM, "REGARDING SARAI, YOUR WIFE—HER NAME WILL NO LONGER BE SARAI. FROM NOW ON HER NAME WILL BE SARAH. ¹⁶ AND I WILL BLESS HER AND GIVE YOU A SON FROM HER! YES, I WILL BLESS HER RICHLY, AND SHE WILL BECOME THE MOTHER OF MANY NATIONS. KINGS OF NATIONS WILL BE AMONG HER DESCENDANTS."

GENESIS 17:15-16 NLT



IV. WHAT SHOULD WE DO DURING THE DELAY?

²⁵ SINCE WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, LET US KEEP IN
STEP WITH THE SPIRIT.

GALATIANS 5:25 NIV





THREE STEPS FOR KEEPING
IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT



KEEP YOUR THINKING UP

⁸ “MY THOUGHTS ARE NOTHING LIKE YOUR THOUGHTS,”
SAYS THE LORD. “AND MY WAYS ARE FAR BEYOND
ANYTHING YOU COULD IMAGINE.”

ISAIAH 55:8-9 NLT





THREE STEPS FOR KEEPING
IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT



KEEP YOUR THINKING UP

⁹ “FOR JUST AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGHER THAN THE
EARTH, SO MY WAYS ARE HIGHER THAN YOUR WAYS
AND MY THOUGHTS HIGHER THAN YOUR THOUGHTS.”

ISAIAH 55:8-9 NLT





**ABRAHAM WAS FOCUSED
ON ONE SON, GOD WANTED
HIM TO LOOK UP AND
FOCUS ON THE STARS.**

THREE STEPS FOR KEEPING
IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT



KEEP YOUR GIVING UP

⁴⁵ “FOR EVEN THE SON OF MAN CAME NOT TO BE
SERVED BUT TO SERVE OTHERS AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE
AS A RANSOM FOR MANY.”

MARK 10:45 NLT

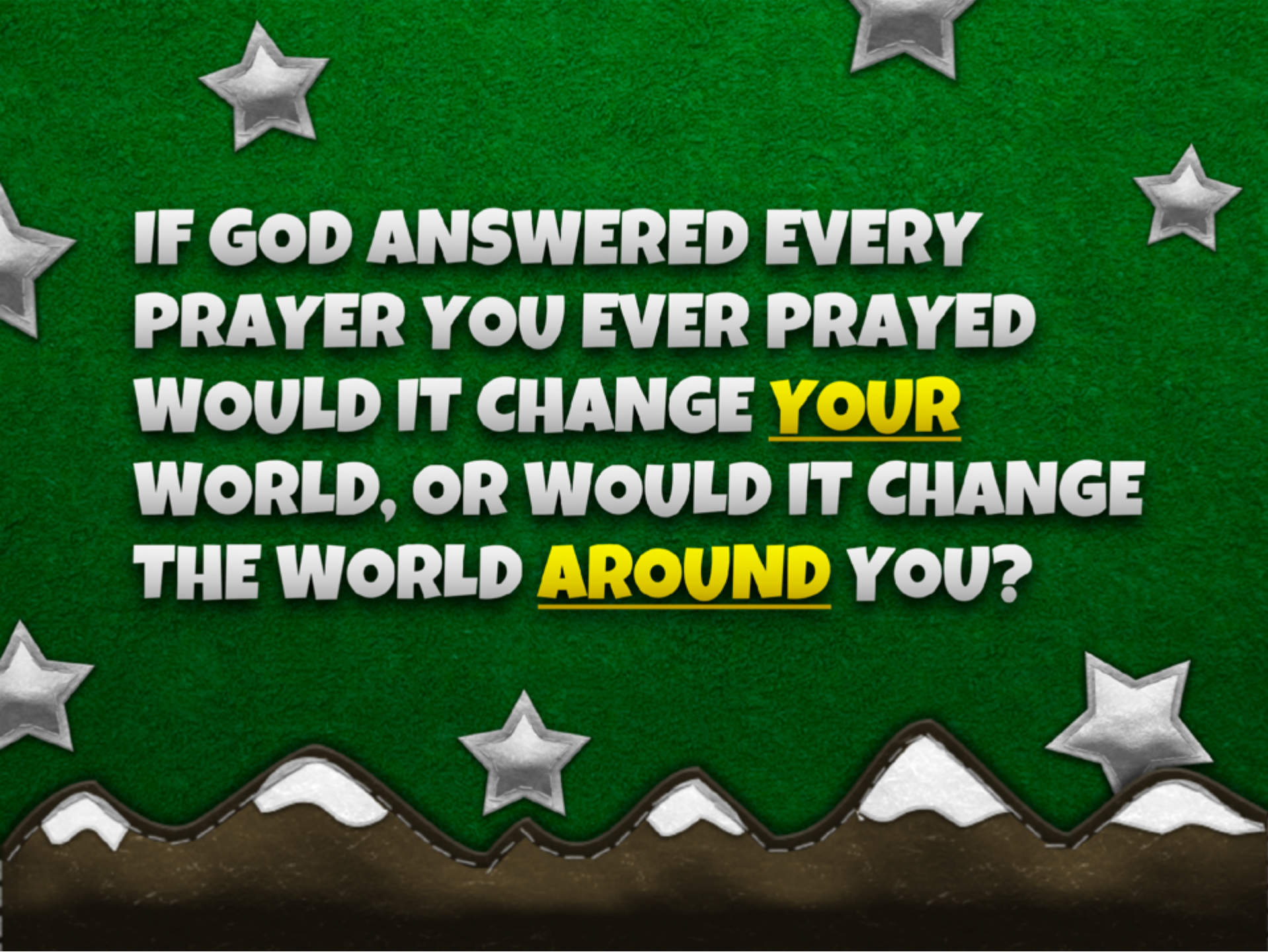


THREE STEPS FOR KEEPING
IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT

KEEP YOUR PRAYERS UP

⁶ DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING; INSTEAD, PRAY
ABOUT EVERYTHING. TELL GOD WHAT YOU NEED, AND
THANK HIM FOR ALL HE HAS DONE.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6 NLT



**IF GOD ANSWERED EVERY
PRAYER YOU EVER PRAYED
WOULD IT CHANGE YOUR
WORLD, OR WOULD IT CHANGE
THE WORLD AROUND YOU?**

²⁰ NOW ALL GLORY TO GOD, WHO IS ABLE, THROUGH HIS MIGHTY POWER AT WORK WITHIN US, TO ACCOMPLISH INFINITELY MORE THAN WE MIGHT ASK OR THINK. ²¹ GLORY TO HIM IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS FOREVER AND EVER! AMEN.



EPHESIANS 3:20-21 NLT

