

## GENESIS. Behind The Curtain: Abraham Part 2 // Ep 2: What's The Dream?

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### Genesis 17:1-8 NIV 1984

*1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. 2 I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers." 3 Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, 4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. 5 No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. 6 I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. 7 I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. 8 The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."*

### What's The Dream?

**Ephesians 3: 20-21** *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

### Today's Sermon Focai:

1. Disqualifying Dreams
2. Diving into Dreams

### 1. Disqualifying Dreams: Abraham could have disqualified his dreams by discounting his history or haltingly heeding God's standard.

**Vs. 1** *When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless.*

### Dreams For Sale— Are your dreams on discount?

- **Vs. 1a** *When Abraham was ninety-nine years old.*
  - Let's not forget his familial woes.
  - **Acts 2:17** *"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, **your old men will dream dreams.***

### Priceless Dreams come with a cost—

- **Vs. 1b** *I am God Almighty; walk before Me and be blameless.*
  - Most people aren't willing to do the work that the fulfillment of dreams requires.
  - The fulfillment of dreams are rarely miracles.

We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort. ~**Jesse Owens**

### 2. Diving Into Dreams

**Vs. 3** *Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, 4 "As for Me, this is my covenant with you...*

#### Abram's dreams started Facedown-

- You will be the father of many nations.
- I will make you very fruitful.
- Kings will come from you.
- I will establish a generational covenant with you and your descendants.
- I will give you the land of Canaan and you will no longer be an alien.
- I will give as an everlasting possession.
- I will be their God.

### Small Groups Questions:

1. What's the dream? Or have you stopped dreaming?
2. Are you currently discounting your dreams failing to understand that God wants to out imagine you?
3. What would it take for you to start moving in the direction of your dreams?
4. Do your dreams start on the run or face down before God?
5. What are you going to start dreaming for?