

Lent Day 11: Saturday, March 4

Isaiah 51:1-11

MULTIPLY YOUR FAITHFULNESS

Isaiah 51:2 (KJV)...*Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who bore you. For I called him alone and blessed him and increased him.*

In today's scripture Isaiah, a prophet, brings words of comfort to the nation of Judah. His faithful remnant may have felt alone because they were few. But God reminded them of their ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, the source of their spiritual heritage. Abraham was one person, but much came from his faithfulness. Imagine wanting to have children only to be disappointed after years of trying.

Now picture going to God in prayer with all your disappointment and hurt, only to have Him respond with the most unlikely solution. God announces you will be the mother and Father of nations in a season when you are too old to have children. His dilemma is what Abraham and Sarah experienced. Isaiah is shining a light on Abraham and Sarah to remind Judah that God's promise to bless and increase their ancestors is also true for us. God can take one person's faith to bless and multiply a nation he did it with Abraham and Sarah: Judah's forefathers.

In the Bible, God used the word fruitful to describe increase. It is used sixteen times in Genesis alone. As chosen children of God, being fruitful is an important aspect of who we are, and what we are to be. Abraham and Sarah, one woman and one man, were faithful and obedient, and they became the parents of a nation. Let this be your reminder that you are chosen and blessed, and because you are blessed, you are to be a blessing, aka fruitful.

PRAYER

Lord, we humbly come to you to express our gratitude for being chosen to be a part of your plan to be fruitful and multiply. Thank you for blessing me, and I pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen me to remember that I am to be a blessing to others. I pray that my experiences on this earth will empower someone to grow so they can help others grow. Lord, thank you for hearing and receiving my prayer in Jesus' Name...Amen.