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Living in victory God's Word – refreshingly clear

Abraham - Father of faith

Abraham is also called “Father of faith. – But why? What has he done?”

Often we have the picture of a perfect Abraham, who always done all the right way. But what does the Bible says to this topic? – There we can read that he was a human being like you and me, who lived in faith, but also has to battle with doubts in his mind. - We take a look at Abraham's life and learn what we can learn from him.

Hebrew 11,8-11

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. 9By 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: 10For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. 11Through 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.

Abraham saw the things different, he doesn't look at the natural and he was ready in faith to this, what God has said to leave his land. He has left his family and all what he holds dear was, to act according to the Word of God (*Genesis 12,1*), although he doesn't yet know all.

Are you also ready for the plan, which God has for your life, to give up everything what prevents you to follow him?

Abraham – then he was called Abram – has acted in faith. Faith always generates an act; there is no faith, which only happens in the heart and don't is perceived of nobody. The one who believe has also works to show, faith without works is dead, this says us the letter of James. – The one who believes doesn't ignore the natural reality, but he looks over it on the reality of Gods Word – on that, what God said – and acts like this. Abraham doesn't have started as the big hero of the faith, as the one we often imagine.

As God said to him that he, also in his high age, in which the procreation of children is actually impossible, will have a baby, then he laughed (*Genesis 17,17*). It was too big for him; but finally he believed the Word of God more then as his own mind. He introduced himself to God's Word and don't draw his natural circumstances into consideration.

Many think:” Yes, Abraham was THE hero of the faith.” – But Abraham has at the beginning, also like his wife Sara (*Genesis 18,10*), laughed over the promise. And yet both have decided to believe to the Word of God more, as to this what was visible in the natural area. Biblical faith isn’t based on that what you see, although natural things are not denied! Biblical faith is based on the Word of God, doesn’t matter how the natural circumstances are.

Romans 4, 18-21

Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. 19And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

20He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

Abraham had no natural hope, then it was impossible in his high age, he called his body dead, yet to procreate children and unto that he doesn’t had any children until this time with Sara. But he didn’t saw this situation as the finally reality, but he believed on that what God said about him. He gave God the honor, by what God said about him as the absolute truth recognized. And through that his faith was strengthened.

God loves it, when we put his Word over our circumstances or situations, because by God is no thing impossible (*Matthew 10,27 / Matthew 19,26*). Abraham was full of certainty, this means, he was sure that God doesn’t lie, but what he had promised also fulfilled.

Do we also believe like this? Do we believe that what he promised in his Word? Do we believe that we are healed through his wounds (*1. Peter 2,24*), also when the doctor says to us that there is no healing for us? – Do we believe that God can provide us beyond the natural? – Do we believe to his Word **before** all other things, what we see in the natural?

Abraham and Sara have believed God, as it seemed impossible for them and God was true to his Word, he had done the impossible possible in the natural. God had said it and Abraham, our father of faith, had believed it and his faith works are followed. – What were these works?

He had spoken that was God said, then God changed his name to Abraham, what means “father of many nations”. He would also continue to call himself Abram, but he believed God and called himself Abra**Ham** “Father of many nations”, although he had at that time not a single child. As well he had also done the things in the natural which were necessary, so Sara receives a child.

How it is with us? – Do we look on this what we see or say we that what God’s Word says about us, even if the circumstances are different? – We don’t have to be funny, and deny the reality! Of course you say on the phone to your boss if you have fever that you are sick and stay at home. But this doesn’t means that you don’t believe on the Word of God. You do no “false confession” if you say that you are sick! Please let us not be funny! – Yes, we should speak God’s Word, but your boss will not understand this! He wants the

facts, which he understands, and when you give him these facts, this doesn't mean that you are not in faith!

Yes, God's Word has the last authority and that's why we say, that we are healed by his wounds. But we have not always to tell this to "the whole world" or to people which won't understand this!

We say that we are in all more than conquerors. We say that God meets all our need according to his riches in Christ. We are not saying that we are sick, poor, and failure with what we are talking every day about us or by our own. The choice is ours. Do we believe God's Word or what we see and experience. It is better to believe God's Word, because this it is what Jesus has purchased for us and when we speak it, it will sooner or later be reality in our life.

In an age where it is humanly impossible to get even more children, Abraham and Sara have received by faith the son of promise, who God had promised, for HE is faithful!

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