

## I AM IN AWE NOT JUST AMBITIOUS

Genesis 17:1 - 18:10

Hebrews 3:1-2, <sup>1</sup> Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. <sup>2</sup> He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.

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**Big Idea:** Fixing our thoughts on God and living faithful to His will unlocks our most satisfying and significant life!

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Proverbs 2:7-8, <sup>7</sup> He holds success in store for the upright . . . <sup>8</sup> for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

Genesis 17:1-2, <sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

### The Pathway into God's Provision and Protection

#### 1) PRAYER to God.

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Genesis 17:3, Abram fell facedown, and God said to him,

Genesis 50:18

Philippians 2:12-13, <sup>12</sup> . . . continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

#### 2) PARTNERSHIP with God.

Genesis 17:3-9, <sup>3</sup> . . . God said to him, <sup>4</sup> “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.” <sup>9</sup> Then God said to Abraham, “As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come.”

John 15:5, 7

### 3) PEOPLE who mature together.

Genesis 17:15-18, <sup>15</sup> God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.” <sup>17</sup> Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, “Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?” <sup>18</sup> And Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!”

Sarai - a striving or contentious person

Sarah - an exalted princess

### 4) Persevere until blessing comes

Genesis 18:10, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

#### Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?