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Starry Skies and Name Changes – September Letter 2026

Dear Friend,

Last month we talked about one of the truly most important parts of faith, which is the element of Hope. In truth, there is no real faith in the promises of God without godly Hope. The Word of God gives us a very distinct description of what true faith is and the substance of that which it is made up of.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

The word “hoped” here does not merely mean to wish for something but rather comes from a root word that means to have an expectation or anticipation that something is about to happen.

In last month’s letter, we established that Hope has a visionary substance to it. One of the ways we saw this best is in the example when God gave a promise to Abraham who was first called Abram. God could see that Abram was having a hard time believing His original promise to make of him a great nation, so God gave him a visual presentation to give him hope for the future.

Genesis 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great reward.

Genesis 15:2 And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house *is* this Eliezer of Damascus?

Genesis 15:3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

Genesis 15:4 And, behold, the word of the LORD *came* unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

Genesis 15:5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

Genesis 15:6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

After this promise and vision, God sealed His word by a blood covenant with Abraham in Genesis chapter 15. You might believe that this would’ve been more than enough for Abraham to totally believe God. But in chapter 16, we see that Abraham and Sarah (Abram and Sarai at first) tried to make the promise come to pass through their own reasoning and power. Thus, we see that Ishmael was born through their own self-will and the world has suffered the consequences ever since.

Genesis 16:1 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Hagar.

Genesis 16:2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

Genesis 16:15 And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.

Genesis 16:16 And Abram *was* fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

Abraham (Abram) was 86 years old when Ishmael was born. He was trying to make the “Starry Sky” vision that he had received years earlier come to pass through his own strength. But God had a plan that would become part two of what Abraham needed to bring the promise of Isaac into the Earth.

Genesis 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

Genesis 17:2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

Genesis 17:3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

Genesis 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

Genesis 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Genesis 17:15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall* her name *be*.

Genesis 17:16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother* of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

Genesis 17:17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall *a child* be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

There are so many valuable truths that can be mentioned throughout these chapters, but for the purpose of this abbreviated letter, we will home in on God Himself changing the names of Abram and Sarai to Abraham and Sarah. Abraham means “the father of a multitude” and Sarah means “princess,” God having called her the mother of many nations. This is of great significance because it forced them to speak the end result of the promise every time they spoke their names to each other or introduce themselves to someone else.

Now, let’s say that Sarah called to Abraham to bring her something from the kitchen part of the tent. She would say, “Hey, you manly 99 year-old father of nations, would you bring that out here to me?” And his reply would be, “Yes Sarah, you beautiful princess, I’m on my way!” Ha! Made up story, of course, but not too far from the truth.

Genesis 21:1 And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

Genesis 21:2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

Genesis 21:3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.

Genesis 21:4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.

Genesis 21:5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

Genesis 21:6 And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, *so that* all that hear will laugh with me.

Genesis 21:7 And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born *him* a son in his old age.

It's important to note that Abraham was 99 years old when he received the promise that Sarah would conceive. He was 100 years old when Sarah actually gave birth to Isaac. So, from these calculations, we can understand that it may have only been a matter of months from the time that God changed their names until the time that Sarah conceived Isaac. What happened during those months is one of the great miracles recorded in the Old Testament. Their physical bodies actually underwent a time reversal. They were restored to their youthful selves, and a miracle took place in Sarah's body that was not even present while she was young. Something was wrong in her body for many years for her not to be able to conceive. But now, because of speaking the words that God had given them, a miracle took place that reversed everything!

The "Starry Sky" given many years earlier that painted a picture of Hope was not enough by itself for Abraham to totally realize the promise. It was however the beginning of a two-part equation; the first part was Seeing and the second part was Saying! What an incredible combination that produces miracles. SEEING AND SAYING! And how much more through the finished work of Jesus our Lord can we expect to see miracles manifested when we see them through the eyes of Hope and say them with a mouth that speaks the end result?

Jesus spoke these words in regard to speaking things that we desire:

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

We have entered into a time in the Church that has always been available for us through the finished work of Jesus. It is a time when all notable miracles will be witnessed and demonstrated through the true believers in Jesus Christ. They will see through the eyes of godly Hope the

manifestation of the things that they speak in private prayer, and the words they speak in praying for the sick. The substance of Hope that faith is made of will cause the miracles to materialize in the days ahead.

Candy and I always want to thank you for your prayers and support to this ministry. You are loved!

I WILL SEE YOU IN THE REVIVAL!

Blessings,
Pastor Bronc