***Nuggets From The Word***

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**“Living in the Power and Promise of God’s Word”**

**Genesis 17:5 Promises are included in God’s Covenant. “***No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for* ***I have made you*** *a father of many nations.*

One of the *explicit teachings* of the Bible is the importance of ***the words we speak***. In this text God changes ***Abram’s*** name to ***Abraham*** and ***promises*** Abraham that he will become the father of many nations. “**Abram**” means “one who is high and lifted up,” “High Father” or “Patriarch.” “***Abraham***” means “Father of a Multitude” or “the father of many.” God is making a **covenant** by saying, “*You’re mine and now I’m making you a father of many*.” God says this before Abraham has any children and was arranging that every time Abraham heard or spoke his own name, he would be **reminded** of God’s promise. The Almighty God, *El Shaddai*, says “*walk before Me and be blameless*” (17:1). *El Shaddai* is used ***when there is no hope in the natural realm***. When nothing can be done, that is when God brings His biggest miracle. Abraham is 99 and Sarah is 10 years younger than he. At their age they are well past child bearing and it is unlikely they will have a baby. Yet, ***God has promised*** Abraham that he will be the father of many nations. God says, “*I will make you exceedingly fruitful and this is a covenant with you*.” **Be encouraged**. God is not in a hurry and many times He acts at the last minute, but the last minute is a prime time for a miracle. The ***principle*:** **Let God’s words**, **which designates His will and promise for your life**, become **fixed** in your mind and **govern** your speech. When God changed Abram’s name to Abraham, the change ***reshaped*** Abraham’s concept of himself. Do not “*name*” yourself anything less than God does. Learn to see yourself through God’s eyes. Know how much He cares for you. Abraham’s blessing was not only for him, but ***it is for you and me***. As “*born again believers*” in Jesus Christ, God will make us fruitful because we are **in covenant** with Him and we are ***Abraham’s seed*** (Galatians 3:29*, And if* ***you*** *are* ***Christ’s****, then* ***you*** *are* ***Abraham’s seed****, and* ***heirs according to the promise***).

When God makes us a promise, He is **trustworthy** and **able** to fulfill that which He has promised. We are ***united with*** God The Father ***through*** the Renewed Covenant of the New Testament ratified by the shed blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Messiah.

May God overshadow your life this week.

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