

CHURCH OF CHRIST GULF SHORES

Sunday Morning Sermon

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“reDEFINE: The Story of Abraham & Sarah”



Starting Over



Introduction: Would you love to start over? What if you could push a “reset” button? What would you change? Both science and Scripture provide evidence that our minds have a “reset” button (**Romans 12:1-2**). For the next several weeks we will consider true stories that should inspire us to rewire our minds and take advantage of a second chance. I want to remind you of some things we know about Abraham and Sarah. We will begin our study in **Genesis 12**. Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. What Do We Know?

A. *Abraham & Sarah Were Called Out of Idolatry*

- **Genesis 11:1-12:6, 15:6, Joshua 24:2, Romans 4:16-22, Hebrews 11:8**

B. *Abraham & Sarah Were Promised the Impossible*

- **Genesis 12:3, 15:1-18, 17:1-22, Matthew 1:1-16, Hebrews 11:11-12**

C. *Abraham & Sarah Were Tested Immensely*

- **Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7, 22:1-14, John 3:16, Hebrews 11:17-19**

II. What Can We Learn?

A. *Remember the Consequences of the Sin*

- **Genesis 11:1-9, 12:10-20, 16:1-16, 20:1-18, 21:8-21**

B. *Remember the Solution*

- **Genesis 3:15, 12:2-3, 17:1-22, Galatians 3:8, Romans 5:1**

C. *Remember the Second Chance*

- **Genesis 12:2-3, 7, 13:14-17, 15:1-12, 17-20, 22:15-19, II Peter 3:8-9**

Conclusion: We will see throughout this series that transformation takes more than just good intentions and a sincere heart if we plan on starting over. We need to make serious changes (i.e. repentance, confession, obedience) in order to experience a full reset! What have you learned from Abraham and Sarah? Have you repented of your sins? Have you confessed those sins? Are you living in obedience? How's your faith? How's your Christian walk? Do you need to press the reset button? You're just a few steps away from starting over. Come to Jesus!