



DGM Message Summary: Indecent Proposal

Takeaway:

God will receive you as you are but that doesn't mean you have to stay as you are. The enemy wants us to believe we have to be perfect before the Lord can use us but He can use us and teach us the ways that are righteous as we go. Even when we fail, God loves us and allows us to come running back to Him.

Scriptural Reference:

- Genesis 13:1
 - Abraham could really only go up from this point. He'd surrendered Sarah. He became a great man but he definitely didn't start that way. He will receive you just as you are, but you don't have to stay just as you are.
- Genesis 12: 11
 - Backtrack and take a look at why Abraham had to come back to God.
- Genesis 12: 12
 - Sarah was a beautiful woman. And a man's property. Pharaoh could not take her without Abraham dying. He knew this so he took a chance on his own survival and asked Sarah to partly lie, saying she was Abraham's sister...This man made an agreement to share his wife with Pharaoh so he could profit from the situation.
 - The idea is if God can use a man like that, what would He do with some of us in here...
- Genesis 12:16
 - Abraham was developed by God, even though he started where he started. Sarah saw something in Abraham that only she and God could see. Abraham comes out, amazingly, with his marriage intact. God will do good in spite of you, sometimes.
- Genesis 12:1
 - This narrative is written to give us hope. God gave them specific instructions to leave their home, family, and He said not to take any family...Abraham took his nephew. He did a lot of things wrong but He moved in the right direction.
 - God protects us in the midst of our messes.
 - Don't you wish you could have a conversation with yourself 20 years ago that you're going to get over it? You're going to make it. Get there. Do better. Tell yourself what it's like on the other side.

- Abraham was still making his story, as he goes...
- God made him wealthy, despite him not doing anything right. It's not about where you are but about how far you come. God blessed him and put His hand on him and built him and he's not through yet. You are a work in progress and He's not done yet.
- God's alter is always open if you're willing to come.
- When Abraham messed up, he went back to the alter, the church...God's house or where God's presence is hosted.
- God's name is great and is bigger than my mess.
- After Abraham pimped out his wife, he called on the name of the Lord.
- At least fail trying to push in the right direction. He kept on walking, moving, doing his thing with God...don't fail backwards, running from God. Part of life is falling, failing, but what happens when you fall? You get back up. You try again.
- God looks at our mess, differently. He sees what He can restore, what He can do...we shouldn't run away but run TO Him.

Key points:

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- God's alter is always open if you're willing to come.
- God's name is great and is bigger than my mess.
- You get back up. You try again.