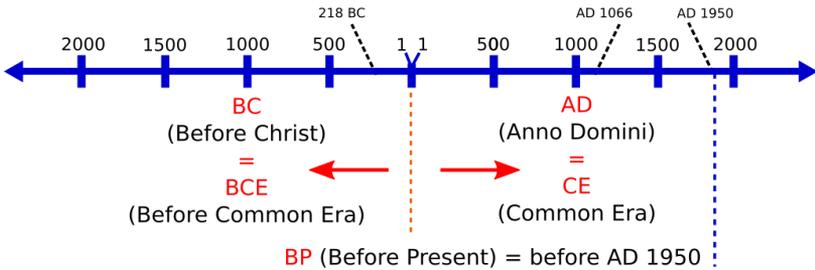


## THE MARRIAGE OF ABRAM AND SARAI

### BC - BCE and AD - CE Terms



### The Call of Abram

The LORD had said to Abram, Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. Genesis 12:1 – 2

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. Hebrews 11:8

### God rarely gives details. Why?

- You may not be able to handle the details.
- If you had the details, then it wouldn't take faith.

### 3 THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN OUR MARRIAGE WHEN LIFE DOESN'T GO AS PLANNED.

#### ➤ Fear creeps in!

**Fear is an unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat.**

<sup>11</sup> As he was approaching the border of Egypt, Abram said to his wife, Sarai, look, you are a very beautiful woman. <sup>12</sup> When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife. Let's kill him; then we can have her!' <sup>13</sup> So please tell them you are my sister. Then they will spare my life and treat me well because of their interest in you. Genesis 12:11 - 13

**What to do when fears creeps into your marriage or life.**

1. Take control of your thoughts, feelings and actions.
2. Take responsibility for your fears.
3. Don't give others the power to control your feelings.
4. Don't look to others to make you happy.

➤ **We get ahead of God.**

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had not been able to bear children for him. But she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar. <sup>2</sup> So Sarai said to Abram, The LORD has prevented me from having children. Go and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her. And Abram agreed with Sarai's proposal.

Genesis 16:1 – 2

**God is rarely early, but He is never late.**

➤ **We don't believe God will do for us.**

**Abram's response:**

<sup>17</sup> Then Abraham bowed down to the ground, but he laughed to himself in disbelief. How could I become a father at the age of 100? he thought. And how can Sarah have a baby when she is ninety years old? Genesis 17:17

**Sarai's response:**

<sup>10</sup> Then one of them said, I will return to you about this time next year, and your wife, Sarah, will have a son! Sarah was listening to this conversation from the tent. <sup>11</sup> Abraham and Sarah were both very old by this time, and Sarah was long past the age of having children. <sup>12</sup> So she laughed silently to herself and said, How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure, especially when my master, my husband, is also so old? <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to Abraham, Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, 'Can an old woman like me have a baby?' <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son. Is anything too hard for the Lord? Genesis 18:10 -14

<sup>19</sup> And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead and so was Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. <sup>21</sup> He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises. Romans 4:19 - 21