

## June Teaching Series

### BREAKING THROUGH SPIRITUAL BARRENNESS

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1. *What did you have when you were first called by God?*
2. *Have you grown into your maximum potential?*

#### **Isaiah 51:2**

*"Look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah who gave you birth. When I called him he was but one and I blessed him and made him many."*

#### **Barren**

Incapable of producing, or not producing offspring; not producing fruit; lacking in interest or attractiveness; dull. - *Webster dictionary*

#### **Historical Background: (Barrenness in the Bible)**

- *The Israelites saw children as a particular blessing from the Lord.*
- *Women who couldn't bear children were considered sub-female.*
- *Infertility brought with it not only a debilitating personal sorrow but also the reproach of a woman's husband, the disapproval of the woman's family, and the rejection of society.*

#### **Kinds of Barrenness:**

- Physical barrenness
- Spiritual barrenness

#### **SPIRITUAL BARRENNESS**

- *Is an abomination.*
- *Is a willful and calculated withholding of one's ability to produce and bring forth fruit.*

#### **Spiritual Barrenness entails:**

- Lack of growth
- Smallness
- Feeling of fear
- Intimidation
- Poor-self concept
- Lack of vision

**TO BE small IN NUMBER IS A CURSE IN THE BIBLE!**

#### **1. JESUS WANTS TO START WITH VERY LITTLE (...he was but one).**

##### **Isaiah 51:2**

*"Look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah who gave you birth. **When I called him he was but one** and I blessed him and made him many."*

- The choosing of the 12 disciples.

- Mark's introduction of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- First miracle: Turning water into wine.
- The feeding of the 5,000 men.
- Gideon and his 300 armies.

## 2. BUT TO REMAIN LITTLE IS NOT OF GOD (...and I blessed him).

### Isaiah 51:2

*"Look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah who gave you birth. When I called him he was but one **and I blessed him** and made him many."*

#### a. Mark 11:12-13

*The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to find out if it had any fruit. When He reached it, He found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs.*

Then He said to the tree, *"May no one ever eat fruit from you again."* and his disciples heard Him say it.

#### b. Ezekiel 47: 8-9

*...Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live.*

*"Everything will live where the river goes. There will be trees of many different kinds. And the fruit will be for food, their leaves for healing."*

#### c. Matthew 25:14-30

(The parable of the talents)

#### d. John 15:1 – Jesus said, "I am the vine."

## 3. FOR ONE TO GET OUT OF BARRENNESS HE HAS TO MULTIPLY

### Isaiah 51:2

*"Look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah who gave you birth. When I called him he was but one and I blessed him **and made him many.**"*

#### A. God is going to deliver you from the curse of barrenness through DIVINE INTERVENTION

(...made him many)

##### Examples:

**Genesis 18:11-14** - [Sarah]

*Allow the God's intervention to break the spirit of barrenness.*

**1 Samuel 1:17** - [Hannah]

*God has given Hannah a word (1 Samuel 1:17)*

*"**SPIRITUAL BARRENNESS** cannot be broken by human hands; since it is in the spirit, it can only be broken by God's Spirit. Therefore, it is necessary for **GOD'S INTERVENTION.**"*

#### B. God is going to deliver you from the curse of barrenness if YOU LIGHT YOURSELF ON FIRE

(...made him many)

- **LIGHT YOURSELF ON FIRE**

You must **WANT** it!

- **LIGHT YOURSELF ON FIRE**

Only when GREATNESS for GOD'S GLORY has become your LIFE BLOOD can GOD even begin His work in you.

- **YOU NOW HOLD THE KEY!**

**Conclusion:**

- Renounce the barrenness in your life.
- Long for God to multiply you.
- **BE READY TO RECEIVE THE ANOINTING OF MULTIPLICATION.**