



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: GENESIS 17:15, 16

TITLE: HAS GOD CHANGED YOUR NAME?

INTRODUCTION

- A. How do you see the depth and breadth of your calling? _____
 1. “My minister” “My deacon” “My trustee”
 2. Is the extent of your calling limited to them?
- B. God’s calling upon us is bigger and broader than we could ever imagine _____
- C. African and Biblical ancestors’ view of names _____
- D. Why would God change your name? _____
- E. When God changes your name, it does not diminish nor negate your original name. Rather, it augments your original name _____
- F. It may not be a literal name. Rather, a spiritual sense that God is doing something different in you and with you that sets your life on a different course _____

SARAI

- A. The name, Sarai, means My Princess _____
 1. Includes royalty and nobility
 2. However, limited to and localized in her relationship with Abraham
- B. Sarai was Abram’s princess _____
- C. **Genesis 12:5** – Sarai left everything and followed Abraham _____
- D. **Genesis 12:13-15** – Sarai agreed with Abram to lie to the Egyptians and say she is Abram’s sister _____
- E. **Genesis 16:2** – Sarai used her servant, Hagar, as a surrogate to have a child or Abram _____
- F. **Genesis 16:5** – Sarai blamed Abram for Hagar despising her _____
- G. **Genesis 16:6** – Sarai dealt harshly with Hagar _____
- H. Sarai’s loyalty and allegiance was to Abram – she was his princess _____
- I. Lest we be too hard on Sarai _____

SARAH

- A. The name, Sarah, means A Princess, A Princes of Provinces _____
- B. Sarah would become a princess in a much greater and broader capacity _____
- C. **Genesis 17:19** – God reaffirms the promise of Sarah giving birth – not only for Abraham, for God’s people _____
- D. **Genesis 18:11-14** – Sarah laughed at the ability, possibility. capability of the promise to be fulfilled _____
- E. **Genesis 21:6** – Sarah laughed with joy at the fulfillment of God’s promise _____
- F. Sarah was transformed from one whose influence was limited and localized to one who would be known worldwide for eternity _____
- G. Am I limiting and localizing my influence? _____