

# Devotional Thoughts

Genesis 25:21-22

Now Isaac pleaded with the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived. But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If all is well, why am I like this?" So she went to inquire of the Lord.

Have you ever heard the phrase, "When all else fails?" This seems to be the approach of many as it relates to prayer. We will often try everything at our disposal before we ever come to the place where we will truly plead with The Lord. It is almost as if life were a game show and we lean on our own strength or use one of our life lines to ask the audience or phone a friend instead of taking advantage of the greatest resource available to every child of God - prayer.

Jesus made many promises that would be utterly preposterous if He were not Divine. One of these is when He declared;

John 14:14

"If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

While the context in which He made this statement makes it very clear that Jesus is not suggesting that He is a heavenly genie that will succumb to our every whim. He is however making an amazing promise that is all too often disregarded by His followers. Jesus is promising that whatever we might be facing in life we can cry out to Him and He will have a solution.

Here in Genesis 25, Isaac and Rebekah were facing difficulty, she was barren, and then when she finally conceived she knew there was something wrong with the pregnancy. I have found that the issues that affect my family often create the biggest struggles of faith. It is a good reminder that Marital and family matters were solved for Isaac and Rebekah by seeking The Lord.

Whatever you are facing it is time to follow the example set by this ancient couple and begin to cry out to God for assistance, direction, intervention, guidance or strength.

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