

# Cultivating the Family Tree

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In my devotions I've been reading about how important it was back then to establish a family whose lineage was rooted in the same heritage and who were from the same geographical area.

It was important that before Abraham died, he made sure that Isaac had a wife from his relatives as to continue the family heritage in the same culture and faith. (**Genesis 24**)

All throughout the Bible you will find that family lineage was important. Even today, in certain countries, establishing who will be next to rule is cultivated carefully, spouses are still chosen in some cultures to make sure the blood line continues.

This was important to God in that He told Abraham He would give him land as far as He could see and that his descendants would outnumber the stars. So Abraham had a desire to move within the vision God gave him. Hmmmmmm.... Even after Abraham's wife Sarah died, he married another named Katurah, but this wife and their children were sent away to live, away from Isaac, the bible calls Isaac the "son of promise".

Abraham was cultivating a vision that the Lord God gave him while continuing to love and bless all of those in his family. Fast forward to Jesus being born and His family and His words to all of us are "**He who does the will of My Father is my family**" (**Matthew 12**)

What I would like to encourage our readers to think on is this:

I believe we are to continue to seek God's will for every stage of our life

I believe we are to help cultivate and carry out what we believe God has spoke in our hearts

I believe we should help cultivate His will within our families

I believe we should ask God if there's anything that needs to be pruned in our lives or families

I believe that we should seek for God to cut off anything that would hinder our growth

Family matters, where we come from has a lot to do with where we are today. Family matters so much that when Jesus was on the cross, He made sure that His earthly mother would be cared for by someone He trusted, His disciple John. (**John 19**)

Thank You Lord for our family, thank You for showing us the importance of our heritage in our earthly families but more importantly, our heritage by being saved by the blood of the Lamb. We desire to learn what is important to You in our lives every day! Show us and lead us in Jesus name – Amen.

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