

REPEATED sin patterns

You are lacking in one of these three areas

Purpose / Power / Pain

Purpose → You vs. the President of the U.S. / Comfortable shoes / Cultural Immersion

Power → Word & Spirit → Porn & Lust / Marriage & Kids / Career & Finances
Friendships / Temper / Drugs / Complaining

Pain → You can shorten the pain if you pray this prayer → *Please fill me with* ➤ *Your Purpose &*
➤ *Your Power*

¹ Now Abraham **moved on from there** Why? into the region of the Negev and lived between Kadesh and Shur. For a **while** he stayed in Gerar, ² and there Abraham said of his wife Sarah, "She is my sister." Then Abimelech king of Gerar sent for Sarah and took her.

³ But God came to Abimelech in a dream one night and said to him, "You are as good as dead because of the woman you have taken; she is a married woman."

*Sarah already pregnant with Isaac
God protecting the bloodline of the Messiah*

⁴ Now Abimelech had not gone near her, so he said, "Lord, will you destroy an innocent nation? ⁵ Did he not say to me, 'She is my sister,' and didn't she also say, 'He is my brother'? I have done this with a clear conscience and clean hands."

⁶ Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know you did this with a clear conscience, and so **I** have **kept** you from sinning against me. That is why I did **not let you** touch her. POWER ⁷ Now return the man's wife, for he is a **prophet**, and **he will pray for you** and **you will live**. PURPOSE But if you do not return her, you may be sure that you and all yours will die."

⁸ Early the next morning Abimelech summoned all his officials, and when he told them all that had happened, they were very much afraid. ⁹ Then Abimelech called Abraham in and said, "**What** have you **done to us? How** have I **wronged** you that you have brought such great guilt upon me and my kingdom? **You** have **done things to me** that should **not be done**." ¹⁰ And Abimelech asked Abraham, "What was your reason for doing this?" PAIN *Hurts WORSE when...*

¹¹ Abraham replied, "I said to myself, 'There is surely no fear of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.' ¹² Besides, she really is my sister, the daughter of my father though not of my mother; and she became my wife. ¹³ And when God had me wander from my father's household, I said to her, 'This is how you can show your love to me: Everywhere we go, say of me, "He is my brother."'"

¹⁴ Then Abimelech brought sheep and cattle and male and female slaves and gave them to Abraham, and he returned Sarah his wife to him. ¹⁵ And Abimelech said, "My land is before you; live wherever you like."

¹⁶ To Sarah he said, "I am giving your brother a thousand shekels of silver. This is to cover the offense against you before all who are with you; you are completely vindicated." ¹⁷ Then **Abraham prayed** to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife and his slave girls so they could have children again, ¹⁸ for the LORD had closed up every womb in Abimelech's household because of Abraham's wife Sarah. *Purpose & Power*