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Thou shalt be a blessing



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Abram once heard these words: » And thou shalt be a blessing.« (Gen 12, 2)
And again and again, this promise was linked to the prospect of fruitfulness.
To be fruitful means to multiply life.
Being fruitful means making life possible for others.
That is the way of blessing.
This is how God's blessing works.

Does that also apply to me? Or is it too big?
Is it illusory in our complex, difficult world?
What can I even do? Where should I start?

In Rafik Schami's wonderful book »Wenn du erzählst, erblüht die Wüste« (When you tell stories, the desert blossoms) a small story fell into my heart that originates from the Islamic storytelling tradition:

The sparrow and the fire

When Abraham was thrown into the fire on the orders of the brutal King Nimrod, a sparrow rushed to the spring and brought a few drops of water in its little beak, which it dropped over the fire. Then he flew back to the spring. It fluttered back and forth tirelessly while the fire was fuelled even more by the ruler's soldiers.

Another bird watched him. "What are you going to do about the fire with your puny beak?" he shouted, laughing at the sparrow.

"I know that my few drops won't do much," replied the sparrow, "but when the Day of Judgement comes and I am asked, what did you do when the great prophet was thrown into the fire, I will not stand there ashamed, but will answer the Lord of the Worlds: I have done what I could."

Legend states, that the fire was not hot for Abraham and God saved him.

Is this perhaps the way of blessing?

God gives me space to be a blessing with what I am and can do.

Yes, he is the space in which my actions and his work become a blessing.

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