

A joyful heart is good medicine,  
but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.  
—Proverbs 17:22 ESV

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<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham,  
“As for Sarai your wife, you shall  
not call her name Sarai, but Sarah  
shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her,  
and moreover, I will give you a son  
by her. I will bless her, and she shall  
become nations; kings of peoples  
shall come from her.”

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<sup>17</sup>Then Abraham fell on his face  
and laughed and said to himself,  
“Shall a child be born to a man  
who is a hundred years old?  
Shall Sarah, who is ninety years  
old, bear a child?”

—Genesis 17:15-17 ESV

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<sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great  
nation, and I will bless you and make  
your name great, so that you will be a  
blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless  
you, and him who dishonors you I  
will curse, and in you all the families  
of the earth shall be blessed.”

—Genesis 12:2-3 ESV

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<sup>1</sup>...“Fear not, Abram, I am your  
shield; your reward shall be very  
great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said,  
“O LORD God, what will You give  
me, for I continue childless...”

—Genesis 15:1-2 ESV

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<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is  
Sarah your wife?” And he said,  
“She is in the tent.” <sup>10</sup>The LORD  
said, “I will surely return to you  
about this time next year, and  
Sarah your wife shall have a son.”  
And Sarah was listening at the  
tent door behind him.

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<sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" —Genesis 18:9-12 ESV

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"Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." —Genesis 18:14 ESV

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<sup>1</sup>The LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as He had promised. <sup>2</sup>And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup>Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. —Genesis 21:1-3 ESV

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- The promises of God are not limited or inhibited by time and circumstance.

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Is anything too hard for the LORD?  
—Genesis 18:14 ESV

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"There is nothing that lies beyond the reach of prayer, except that which lies outside the will of God." —Adrian Rogers

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<sup>8</sup>For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. —Isaiah 55:8-9 ESV

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- The price of our laughter at God can be painful in the lives of others.

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- The power of God can and will prompt us to laugh when we see and experience His goodness and grace.

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<sup>6</sup>And Sarah said, “God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me.” <sup>7</sup>And she said, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

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<sup>8</sup>And the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

—Genesis 21:6-8 ESV

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