



# Believing God For His Best!

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**This is God's own description of Himself.**

**Exodus 34** <sup>6b</sup> **"Yahweh! The LORD! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.** NLT

**This sounds like God's best!**

**Hesed:** Love, lovingkindness, unfailing love, loyalty, everlasting kindness, mercy, compassion, faithfulness, grace, extravagant generosity, glory, honor, favor, loyal friendship, goodness

**Numbers 14** <sup>11b</sup> **...Will they never believe me,...** NLT

**John 11** <sup>15</sup> **...now you have another opportunity to see who I am so that you will learn to trust in me...** TPT

**Isaiah 1** <sup>19</sup> "If you are willing and obedient, **You shall eat the best of the land;** AMP

**Romans 8** <sup>32</sup> For God has proved his love by **giving us his greatest treasure,** the gift of his Son. And **since God freely offered him up as the sacrifice for us all, he certainly won't withhold from us anything else he has to give.** TPT

**Galatians 3** <sup>14</sup> Jesus Christ dissolved the curse from our lives, so that **in him all the blessings of Abraham** can be poured out upon gentiles. TPT

**Psalms 78** <sup>41</sup> Again and again **they limited God, preventing him from blessing them.** Continually they turned back from him and provoked the Holy One of Israel! TPT

**Luke 8** <sup>9</sup> Later his disciples came to him privately to ask him what deeper meaning they could find in this parable. <sup>10</sup> He said, **"You have been given a teachable heart to perceive the secret, hidden mysteries of God's kingdom realm. But to those without a listening heart, my words are merely stories.** Even though they have eyes, they are blind to the true meaning of what I say, and even though they listen, they won't **receive full revelation.** <sup>11</sup> "Here, then, is the deeper meaning to my parable: **The word of God is the seed that is sown into hearts.** <sup>12</sup> The hard pathway represents the **hard hearts** of those who **hear the word of God but the slanderer quickly snatches away what was sown in their hearts to keep them from believing and experiencing salvation.** <sup>13</sup> The seeds falling on **gravel** represents those who **initially respond to the word with joy,** but soon afterward, when **a season of difficulty and harassment of the enemy comes to them,** they wither and fall away, for **they have no root in the truth and their faith is temporary.** <sup>14</sup> The seeds that fall into the **weeds** represents the hearts of those who hear the word of God but their growth is **quickly choked off by their own anxious cares, the riches of this world, and the fleeting pleasures of this life. This is why they never become mature and fruitful.** <sup>15</sup> **The seed that fell into good, fertile soil represents those lovers of truth who hear it deep within their hearts. They respond by clinging to the word, keeping it dear as they endure all things in faith. This is the seed that will one day bear much fruit in their lives.** <sup>18</sup> **So pay careful attention to your hearts as you listen to my teaching,** for to those who have open hearts, **even more revelation will be given to them until it overflows.** And for those who

do not listen with open hearts, what little light they imagine themselves to have will be taken away.”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus told the crowd, “These who come to listen to me are like my mother and my brothers. **They’re the ones who long to hear God’s words and put them into practice.**” TPT

**1 Timothy 6** <sup>12</sup> **Fight the good fight of faith**, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. NKJV

**It’s a fight. “I just want peace. I’m tired of the fight.”**

**1 Samuel 30 - Pursue, Overtake and Recover All**

**1 Samuel 30** <sup>1</sup> Then it happened, when **David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day**, that **the Amalekites** had carried out an attack on the Negev and on Ziklag, and had overthrown Ziklag and burned it with fire; <sup>2</sup> and **they took captive the women and all who were in it**, from the small to the great, without killing anyone, and drove *them* off and went their way. <sup>3</sup> **When David and his men came to the city, behold, it was burned with fire**, and their **wives**, their **sons**, and their **daughters had been taken captive**. <sup>4</sup> Then David and the people who were with him **raised their voices and wept until there was no strength in them to weep**. <sup>6</sup> Also, **David was in great distress because the people spoke of stoning him**, for all the people were embittered, each one because of his sons and his daughters. **But David felt strengthened in the LORD his God**. <sup>8</sup> And **David inquired of the LORD**, saying, “Shall I pursue this band of raiders? Will I overtake them?” And He said to him, **“Pursue, for you will certainly overtake them, and you will certainly rescue everyone.”** <sup>10</sup> But **David pursued**, he and four hundred men, for **two hundred who were too exhausted to cross the brook Besor stayed behind**. <sup>16</sup> Now when he had brought him down, behold, they were dispersed over all the land, eating and drinking and celebrating because of all the great plunder that they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah. <sup>17</sup> And **David slaughtered them from the twilight until the evening of the next day**; and **not a man of them escaped**, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled. <sup>18</sup> **So David recovered all** that the Amalekites had taken, and rescued his two wives. <sup>19</sup> And nothing of theirs was missing, whether small or great, sons or daughters, plunder, or anything that they had taken for themselves; **David brought it all back**. NASU

**Then David was made King of Judah.**

**A lesson in NEVER GIVE UP!**

**Hebrews 6** <sup>12</sup> So don’t allow your hearts to grow dull or lose your enthusiasm, but **follow the example of those who fully received what God has promised because of their strong faith and patient endurance**. TPT

**Romans 4** <sup>18</sup> **Against all odds, when it looked hopeless, Abraham believed the promise and expected God to fulfill it. He took God at his word, and as a result he became the father of many nations**. God’s declaration over him came to pass: “Your descendants will be so many that they will be impossible to count!” <sup>19</sup> In spite of being nearly one hundred years old when the promise of having a son was made, his faith was so strong that it could not be undermined by **the fact** that he and Sarah were incapable of conceiving a child. <sup>20–21</sup> **He never stopped believing God’s promise**, for he was made strong in his faith *to father a child*. And **because he was mighty in faith and convinced that God had all the power needed to fulfill his promises, Abraham glorified God!** TPT