



# Believing God For His Best!

## Believe God for His Best in Relationships

### Mother's Day

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**Ephesians 2** <sup>10</sup> We have become his poetry, a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it! TPT  
(Although implied, these good works make up our destiny. As we yield to God, our prearranged destiny comes to pass and we are rewarded for simply doing what he wanted us to accomplish.)

**I will finish everything God put me in the earth to do.  
I will leave a legacy for future generations.  
I am awakening to my best time in the earth.**

**Ephesians 5** <sup>21</sup> And out of your reverence for Christ be supportive of each other in love. <sup>22</sup> For wives, this means being devoted to your husbands like you are tenderly devoted to our Lord, <sup>23</sup> for the husband provides leadership for the wife, just as Christ provides leadership for his church, as the Savior and Reviver of the body. <sup>24</sup> In the same way the church is devoted to Christ, let the wives be devoted to their husbands in everything. <sup>25</sup> And to the husbands, you are to demonstrate love for your wives with the same tender devotion that Christ demonstrated to us, his bride. For he died for us, sacrificing himself <sup>26</sup> to make us holy and pure, cleansing us through the showering of the pure water of the Word of God. <sup>27</sup> *All that he does in us is designed to make us a mature church for his pleasure, until we become a source of praise to him—glorious and radiant, beautiful and holy, without fault or flaw.* <sup>28</sup> Husbands have the obligation of loving and caring for their wives the same way they love and care for their own bodies, for to love your wife is to love your own self. <sup>29</sup> No one abuses his own body, but pampers it—serving and satisfying its needs. That's exactly what Christ does for his church! <sup>30</sup> *He serves and satisfies us* as members of his body. <sup>31</sup> For this reason a man is to leave his father and his mother and lovingly hold to his wife, since the two have become joined as one flesh. <sup>32</sup> Marriage is the beautiful design of the Almighty, a great mystery of Christ and his church. <sup>33</sup> So every married man should be gracious to his wife just as he is gracious to himself. And every wife should be tenderly devoted to her husband. <sup>6:1</sup> Children, *if you want to be wise*, listen to your parents and do what they tell you, and the Lord will help you. <sup>2</sup> For the commandment, "Honor your father and your mother," was the first of the *Ten Commandments* with a promise attached: <sup>3</sup> "You will prosper and live a long, full life *if you honor your parents.*" TPT

**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

**Galatians 3** <sup>14a</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

**Genesis 12** <sup>1</sup> Now Yahweh said to Abram: "Leave *it all behind*" – your native land, your people, your father's household, and go to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> *Follow me*, and I will make you into a great nation. I will exceedingly bless and prosper you, and I will make you famous, so that you will be a *tremendous source of blessing* for others. <sup>3</sup> I will bless all who bless you and curse all who curse you. And through you all the families of the earth will be blessed." <sup>4</sup> So Abram obeyed Yahweh and left; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran *after his father died.* TPT

**Hebrews 11** <sup>8</sup> It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. <sup>10</sup> Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God. <sup>11</sup> **It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. She believed that God would keep his promise.** <sup>12</sup> And so a whole nation came from this one man who was as good as dead—a nation with so many people that, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them. NLT

**Genesis 17** <sup>15</sup> God also said to Abraham: “Concerning your wife Sarai, you are not to call her Sarai anymore, but Sarah,” *‘My Princess,’* will be her name. <sup>16</sup> I will *wonderfully* bless her. Yes, I will bless her *greatly*, and she will become a *mother of nations*; kings of nations will arise among her children!” <sup>17</sup> Then Abraham laughed so hard he fell to the ground, saying to himself, “How *in the world* can a hundred year-old man become a father? How can my wife Sarah get pregnant at ninety?” <sup>18</sup> And then he spoke out loud: “O, that Ishmael might prosper with your blessing!” <sup>19</sup> God said, “Listen to me. I promise that you and Sarah will have a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will confirm my everlasting covenant of love with him and his seed. <sup>20</sup> And regarding Ishmael, I have heard your cry and I will indeed bless him. I will cause him to have many, many descendants. He will father twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. <sup>21</sup> But my everlasting covenant relationship is with Isaac, who will be born to you and Sarah about this time next year.” <sup>22</sup> When he had finished speaking with Abraham, God ascended *up to heaven*. <sup>18:1</sup> Yahweh appeared *once again* to Abraham *while he lived* by the oak grove of Mamre. <sup>5</sup> Since you’ve stopped by your servant’s home *and honored me with your presence*, I’ll have food prepared for you so that you can be refreshed; then you can go on your way.” “Very well,” they responded, “go ahead and do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup> Abraham hurried back into the tent and said to Sarah, “Quick, *we have guests!* Get three measures of fine flour, knead it, and bake some bread.” <sup>7</sup> Then Abraham ran to the herd, selected a tender choice calf, and told his servant, “Hurry – prepare this calf *for my guests!*” <sup>8</sup> Then he brought the meal they had prepared – roasted meat, bread, curds, and milk – and set it before his guests. Abraham stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup> They asked him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” He answered, “over there – in the tent.” <sup>10</sup> Then one spoke up and said, “I will return about this time next year, when your wife Sarah will certainly have a son.” Sarah overheard it, for she was at the tent door not far behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now, both Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup> Sarah laughed to herself *with disbelief*, saying, “A woman my age – have a baby? After I’m worn out will I now enjoy marital bliss *and conceive* – with my aged husband?” <sup>13</sup> Yahweh *knew her thoughts* and asked Abraham, “Why is Sarah laughing, saying, ‘How can a woman my age have a baby?’” <sup>14</sup> **Do you think there is anything too marvelous for Yahweh?** I will appear to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son!” <sup>15</sup> Sarah was afraid, so she denied it, saying, “I wasn’t laughing.” But he said, “Yes, you were!” TPT

**Romans 4** <sup>16b</sup> faith of **Abraham, the father of us all.** <sup>17</sup> That’s what the Scripture means when it says: “I have made you the father of many nations.” **He is our example and father,** for in God’s presence he believed that God can raise the dead and call into being things that don’t even exist yet. <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