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GROWING A FAITH THAT ENDURES

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living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who
inherited the same promise. [10] **Abraham was
confidently looking forward to a city with eternal
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Hebrews 11:8–10 NLT

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11 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. 12 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.

Hebrews 11:11–12 NLT

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13 All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. 14 Obviously people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own. 15 **If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back.** 16 **But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.**

Hebrews 11:13–16 NLT

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The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. 3 I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”
4 So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. 5 He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all his wealth—his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household at Haran—and headed for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan,

Genesis 12:1–5 NLT

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6 Abram traveled through the land as far as Shechem.
There he set up camp beside the oak of Moreh. At that
time, the area was inhabited by Canaanites.
7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “I will give
this land to your descendants.” And Abram built an altar
there and dedicated it to the Lord, who had appeared to
him. 8 After that, Abram traveled south and set up camp in
the hill country, with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east.
There he built another altar and dedicated it to the Lord,
and he worshiped the Lord. 9 Then Abram continued
traveling south by stages toward the Negev.

Genesis 12:6–9 NLT

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The Call of God moves us from comfort and familiarity to the unknown and unpredictable.

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Our hope and vision of the future will fuel our obedience in the present.

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Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.
3 I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”
5 And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!” And then he said to me, “Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.”
6 And he also said, “It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. 7 All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.
8 “But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”
Revelation 21:1–6 (NLT)

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9 Then one of the seven angels who held the seven bowls containing the seven
last plagues came and said to me, “Come with me! I will show you the bride, the
wife of the Lamb.”
10 So he took me in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the
holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. 11 It shone with the
glory of God and sparkled like a precious stone—like jasper as clear as crystal.
12 The city wall was broad and high, with twelve gates guarded by twelve angels.
And the names of the twelve tribes of Israel were written on the gates. 13 There
were three gates on each side—east, north, south, and west. 14 The wall of the
city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were written the names of the
twelve apostles of the Lamb.
15 The angel who talked to me held in his hand a gold measuring stick to measure
the city, its gates, and its wall. 16 When he measured it, he found it was a square,
as wide as it was long. In fact, its length and width and height were each 1,400
miles. 17 Then he measured the walls and found them to be 216 feet thick
(according to the human standard used by the angel).
Revelation 21:9–17 (NLT)

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18 The wall was made of jasper, and the city was pure gold, as clear as glass.
19 The wall of the city was built on foundation stones inlaid with twelve precious
stones: the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth
emerald, 20 the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth
beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth
amethyst.
21 The twelve gates were made of pearls—each gate from a single pearl! And
the main street was pure gold, as clear as glass.
22 I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its
temple. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God
illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light. 24 The nations will walk in its light,
and the kings of the world will enter the city in all their glory. 25 Its gates will
never be closed at the end of day because there is no night there. 26 And all the
nations will bring their glory and honor into the city. 27 Nothing evil will be allowed
to enter, nor anyone who practices shameful idolatry and dishonesty—but only
those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.
Revelation 21:18–27 (NLT)

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Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations.
3 No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him. 4 And they will see his face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. 5 And there will be no night there—no need for lamps or sun—for the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever.
6 Then the angel said to me, “Everything you have heard and seen is trustworthy and true. The Lord God, who inspires his prophets, has sent his angel to tell his servants what will happen soon.”
7 “Look, I am coming soon! Blessed are those who obey the words of prophecy written in this book.”

Revelation 22:1-7 (NLT)

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8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw all these things. And when I heard and
saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to
me. 9 But he said, “No, don’t worship me. I am a servant of God, just like you
and your brothers the prophets, as well as all who obey what is written in this
book. Worship only God!”
10 Then he instructed me, “Do not seal up the prophetic words in this book, for
the time is near. 11 Let the one who is doing harm continue to do harm; let the
one who is vile continue to be vile; let the one who is righteous continue to live
righteously; let the one who is holy continue to be holy.”
12 “Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people
according to their deeds. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the
Last, the Beginning and the End.”
14 Blessed are those who wash their robes. They will be permitted to enter
through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life. 15 Outside the
city are the dogs—the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idol
worshipers, and all who love to live a lie.
Revelation 22:8-15 (NLT)

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16 “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches. I am
both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright morning
star.”
17 The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let anyone who hears this say, “Come.”
Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the
water of life. 18 And I solemnly declare to everyone who hears the words of
prophecy written in this book: If anyone adds anything to what is written here,
God will add to that person the plagues described in this book. 19 And if anyone
removes any of the words from this book of prophecy, God will remove that
person’s share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this
book.
20 He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, “Yes, I am coming
soon!”
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!
21 May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s holy people.

Revelation 22:16-21(NLT)

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