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Genesis 12:1–3 (NLT) — “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.’”**

God blesses obedience.



Genesis 15:5 (NLT) — “Then the LORD took Abram outside and said to him, ‘Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That’s how many descendants you will have!’”



Abraham and Sarah waited...

Genesis 17:15–17 (NLT) — “Then God said to Abraham, ‘Regarding Sarai, your wife—her name will no longer be Sarai. **From now on her name will be Sarah.** **16** And I will bless her and give you a son from her! Yes, I will bless her richly, and she will become the mother of many nations. Kings of nations will be among her descendants.’ **17** Then Abraham bowed down to the ground, **but he laughed to himself in disbelief.** ‘How could I become a father at the age of 100?’ he thought. ‘And how can Sarah have a baby when she is ninety years old?’”



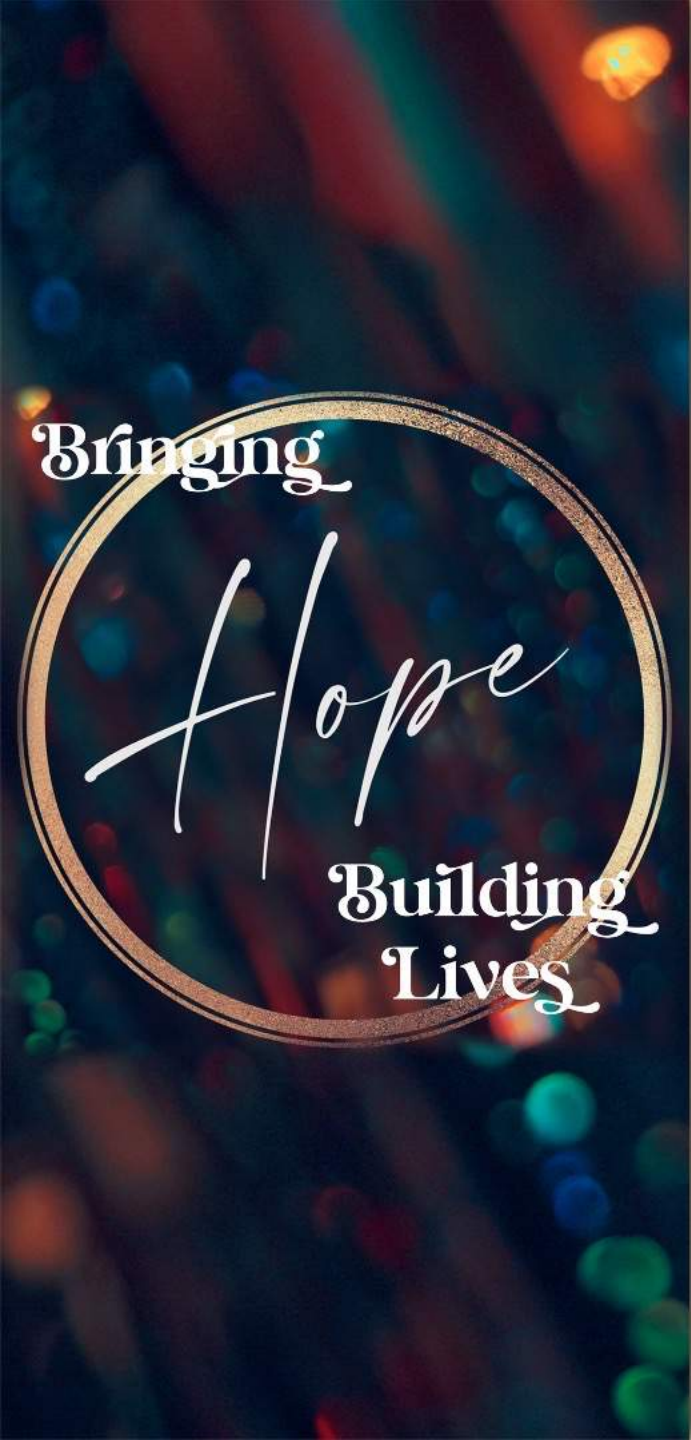
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“Where is Sarah, your wife?” the visitors asked. ‘She’s inside the tent,’ Abraham replied. **10** Then one of them said, **‘I will return to you about this time next year, and your wife, Sarah, will have a son!’** Sarah was listening to this conversation from the tent. **11** Abraham and Sarah were both very old by this time, and **Sarah was long past the age of having children.** **12** **So she laughed silently to herself** and said, ‘How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure,

Genesis 18:9-14 (NLT)

especially when my master—**my husband—is also so old?** **13** Then the LORD said to Abraham, ‘Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, ‘Can an old woman like me have a baby?’ **14 Is anything too hard for the LORD?** I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son.’”

Genesis 18:9-14 (NLT)



God Changed Their Names...

Abram = high father

- Abraham = father of a multitude

Sarai = noble lady

- Sarah = princess



Abraham and Sarah waited...



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We All Face Hopeless Situations...

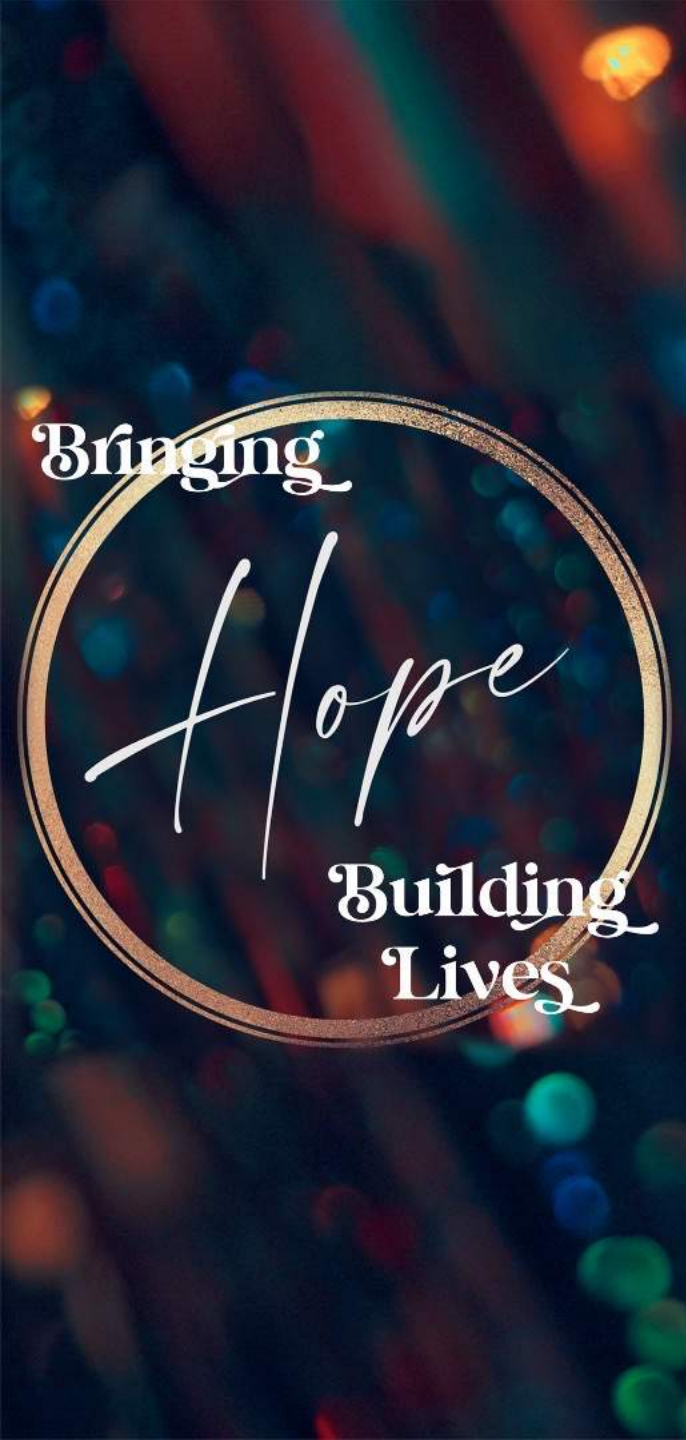
**A hopeless situation is
some circumstance in life
which comes your way
and no amount of human
effort can change it...**





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What is Hope?



hope

elpis = (Greek)

- to anticipate, usually with pleasure, expectation, confidence, faith
- confident expectation

Hope's antithesis is **DESPAIR**.



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1. Focus on GOD.

Jeremiah 17:7–8 (NLT) — “But blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence. 8 They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.”

Jeremiah 32:17 (NLT) — “O Sovereign LORD! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. **Nothing is too hard for you!**”

Luke 1:37 (NKJV) — “For **with God nothing will be impossible.**”

Luke 18:27 (NLT) — “He replied, **‘What is impossible for people is possible with God.’**”



“Almighty God”



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2. Focus on GOD'S WORD.

Psalm 138:2 (NLT) — “I bow before your holy Temple as I worship. I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness; **for your promises are backed by all the honor of your name.**”

Psalm 138:2 (NKJV) — “I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; **For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.**”

Romans 15:4 (NLT) — “Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the **Scriptures give us hope** and encouragement as we wait patiently for God’s promises to be fulfilled.”

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NLT) — “For all of God’s promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding ‘Yes!’ And through Christ, our ‘Amen’ (which means ‘Yes’) ascends to God for his glory.”

*What does God's Word have to
say about it?*



Psalm 107:20 (NLT) — “**He sent out his word and healed them**, snatching them from the door of death.”

(Isa 53:5 NIV) “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and **by his wounds we are healed.**”

Proverbs 21:1 (NKJV) — “The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.”

Isaiah 61:1 (NKJV) — “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, **To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound...**”

Philippians 4:13 (NLT) — “For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”

Philippians 4:19 (NLT) — “And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.”



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3. Focus on YOUR Words.

Hebrews 10:23 (NLT) — “Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.”

Proverbs 18:21

(NKJV) — “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.”



Romans 10:8 (NKJV) — “But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith which we preach).”

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) — “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

An illustration of three women sitting at a dark brown table against a light blue background. The woman on the left has long black hair and is wearing a dark blue top; she is holding a white coffee cup. The woman in the middle has long dark hair and is wearing a grey top; she has her hand near her face. The woman on the right has long reddish-brown hair and is wearing a teal top; she also has her hand near her face. A blue glass is on the table in front of the middle woman, and another white coffee cup is in front of the woman on the right. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

Stop rehearsing your troubles with anyone who will listen.

***Speak words of LIFE and
FAITH***



“So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, **if we have faith like Abraham’s.** For Abraham is the father of all who believe. **17** That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, “I have made you the father of many nations.” This happened because **Abraham believed in the God** who brings the dead back to life and who **creates new things out of nothing.** **18 Even**

Romans 4:16-21 (NLT)

when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, “That’s how many descendants you will have!” **19** And Abraham’s faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah’s womb. **20 Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise.** In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. **21 He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises.”**

Romans 4:16-21 (NLT)

Your Circumstances Change Because of Your

FAITH

There is a period of
time between
BELIEVING and
RECEIVING



Romans 4:19 (NLT) — “And Abraham’s faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah’s womb.”



They had no human ability to change their situation.

Romans 4:21 (NLT) — “He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises.”

Mark 9:23 (NLT) — “What do you mean, ‘If I can’?”
Jesus asked. ‘Anything is possible if a person believes.’”



TODAY NEW HOPE IS 7 YEARS OLD!



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