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Coming Out of Hiding

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⁹ They said to him, "Where's your wife Sarah? And he said, "Right here in the tent." ¹⁰ Then one of the men said, "I will definitely return to you about this time next year. Then your wife Sarah will have a son!" Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were both very old. Sarah was no longer menstruating. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, thinking, I'm no longer able to have children and my husband's old. ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Me give birth? At my age?'" ¹⁴ Is anything too difficult for the LORD? When I return to you about this time next year, Sarah will have a son."

Genesis 18:9-14 (CEB)

DARING TO COME OUT OF HIDING:

1. IDENTIFY WHAT'S STANDING BETWEEN YOU AND SPECTACULAR.

¹⁵ Sarah lied and said, "I didn't laugh," because she was frightened. But he said, "No, you laughed."

Genesis 18:15 (CEB)

2. PUT FEAR IN ITS PLACE.

¹ But now, says the LORD—the one who created you, Jacob, the one who formed you, Israel: Don't fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when through the rivers, they won't sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you won't be scorched and flame won't burn you. ³ I am the LORD your God, the holy one of Israel, your savior....

Isaiah 43:1-3 (CEB)

3. STOP HIDING AND START SEEKING.

⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Psalms 34:4 (ESV)

4. BELIEVE GOD FOR A NEW BEGINNING.

¹ He kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. ² She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would. ³ And Abraham named their son Isaac.

Genesis 21:1-3 (NLT)

¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

Psalms 84:11 (NIV)

⁸ The LORD will fulfill [his purpose] for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever....

Psalms 138:8 (NIV)