

THE REBEL

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Genesis 20 (NIV)

20 Now Abraham moved on from there into the region of the Negev and lived between Kadesh and Shur. For a while he stayed in Gerar, ² and there Abraham said of his wife Sarah, “She is my sister.” Then Abimelek king of Gerar sent for Sarah and took her. ³ But God came to Abimelek in a dream one night and said to him, “You are as good as dead because of the woman you have taken; she is a married woman.” ⁴ Now Abimelek had not gone near her, so he said, “Lord, will you destroy an innocent nation? ⁵ Did he not say to me, ‘She is my sister,’ and didn’t she also say, ‘He is my brother’? I have done this with a clear conscience and clean hands.”

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⁶ Then God said to him in the dream, “Yes, I know you did this with a clear conscience, and so I have kept you from sinning against me. That is why I did not let you touch her. ⁷ Now return the man’s wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not return her, you may be sure that you and all who belong to you will die.” ⁸ Early the next morning Abimelek summoned all his officials, and when he told them all that had happened, they were very much afraid. ⁹ Then Abimelek called Abraham in and said, “What have you done to us? How have I wronged you that you have brought such great guilt upon me and my kingdom? You have done things to me that should never be done.”

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¹⁰ And Abimelek asked Abraham, “What was your reason for doing this?” ¹¹ Abraham replied, “I said to myself, ‘There is surely no fear of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.’ ¹² Besides, she really is my sister, the daughter of my father though not of my mother; and she became my wife. ¹³ And when God had me wander from my father’s household, I said to her, ‘This is how you can show your love to me: Everywhere we go, say of me, “He is my brother.”’” ¹⁴ Then Abimelek brought sheep and cattle and male and female slaves and gave them to Abraham, and he returned Sarah his wife to him. ¹⁵ And Abimelek said, “My land is before you; live wherever you like.”

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¹⁶ To Sarah he said, “I am giving your brother a thousand shekels of silver. This is to cover the offense against you before all who are with you; you are completely vindicated.” ¹⁷ Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelek, his wife and his female slaves so they could have children again, ¹⁸ for the LORD had kept all the women in Abimelek’s household from conceiving because of Abraham’s wife Sarah.

The Events

 Abraham Had A Rerun

 God Saved The Day

 Abraham Backpedaled

 Abraham Blessed And Was Blessed



The Implications

Watch Out For Fear



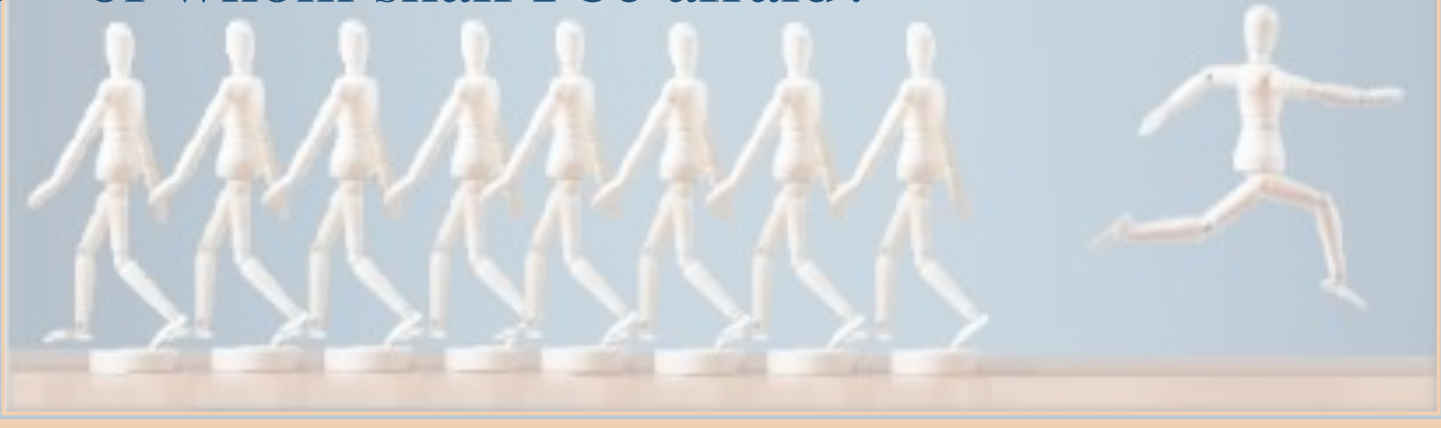
Psalm 23:4 (NIV)

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and
your staff, they comfort me.



Psalm 27:1 (NIV)

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my
life—of whom shall I be afraid?



Psalm 34:4 (NIV)

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



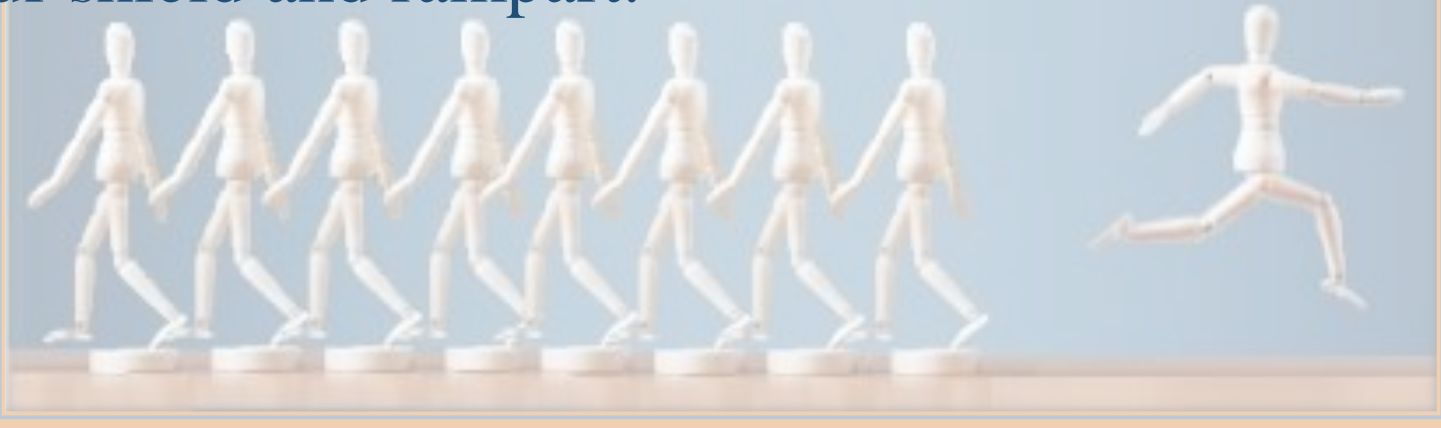
Hebrews 13:6 (NIV)

⁶ So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”



Psalm 91:4 (NIV)

⁴ He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.



Psalm 4:8 (NIV)

⁸ In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.



Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



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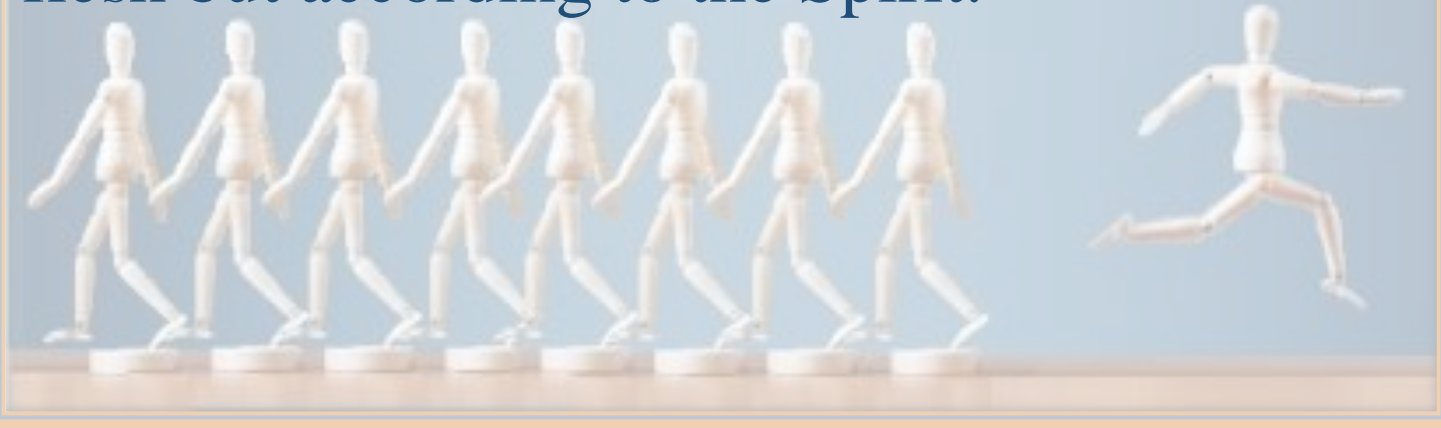
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Romans 8:4 (NIV)

⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.



Romans 8:7 (NIV)

⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.



Romans 8:6 (NIV)

⁶The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.



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