

# The First Book of Moses Called GENESIS

**WHEN God speaks something happens,  
When He speaks this we know,  
All nature is respondent,  
And streams begin to flow!  
Through the void and the darkness,  
Through the dark and the cold,  
The Spirit is hovering, awaiting His word!**

## GENESIS 1

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth;  
<sup>2</sup>a formless void in darkness upon which the Spirit moved.  
Suddenly it lit up!  
<sup>3</sup>Suddenly the earth awoke!  
The voice of God was commanding,  
“Let there be light!” is what He spoke.  
<sup>4</sup>God looked at the light, it was good in His sight;  
<sup>5</sup>He called the light, Day, and the darkness He called, Night.  
And the evening and the morning were the first day, and then  
<sup>6</sup>as the Spirit hovered, God spoke once again:  
“Let there be a firmament in the waters, right there in the midst,  
to divide the waters from the waters.”  
<sup>7</sup>So God made the firmament.  
And He divided the waters, it was as He spoke.  
He divided the waters under the firmament from the waters which were above.  
And it was so, by the authority of His Word.  
<sup>8</sup>And God called the firmament Heaven.  
And the evening and the morning were the second day.  
<sup>9</sup>Then God said, “Let the waters under the Heaven be gathered together into one place; and let the dry land appear!”  
And it was so, just as He spoke.  
<sup>10</sup>And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters, Seas.  
And it was good; God saw that it was good!  
<sup>11</sup>God spoke and said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, herb yielding seeds, and fruit trees yielding fruits after their kind, all with the power to increase, whose seed is within them on the earth.”  
And it was so, according to His word.  
<sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth grass, and herbs yielding seeds,  
fruit trees yielding fruits after their kind, all with the power to increase, for their seed was within them on the earth.  
He spoke power to yield, power to increase, and the power to produce seeds!  
And it was good; yes, God saw that it was

good!

<sup>13</sup>The evening and the morning were the third day.

<sup>14</sup>Then, with artistic precision, God placed lights in the sky to divide the day from the night, and be for seasons; for days and for years and for signs.

<sup>15</sup>To be for lights in the firmament, to give light upon the earth.

*@The creative Master took the void, transforming it with living words!*

<sup>16</sup>Set there in the firmament, God made two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the less significant light to rule the night; and He decorated the sky with beauty, as He also made the stars.

<sup>17</sup>God set the lights in the firmament of heaven, to give light on the earth;

<sup>18</sup>to rule over the day, and over the night, and to divide light from darkness.

And it was good; God saw that it was good!

<sup>19</sup>And the evening and the morning was the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>There were creatures moving in the waters; “Let the waters be filled,” He said,

“with living creatures in abundance.” And as the Lord God spoke again, birds were flying above the earth, in the open firmament of the skies; for God said, “Let there be,” and they came forth at His voice.

<sup>21</sup>So God created the sea creatures, and every living thing that moves;

the waters were filled with them in abundance, and the heaven was filled with birds; all according to its kind.

And it was good! God saw that it was good.

<sup>22</sup>God blessed them to increase, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply upon the earth.”

<sup>23</sup>So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

While the Spirit of God hovered, waiting for another word!

<sup>24</sup>Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to its kind: cattle and creeping things, and beasts of the earth, each according to its kind”;

and it was so; it was even as God spoke,  
<sup>25</sup>and God made the creatures of the earth according to its kind, animals and everything that creeps; they came forth abundantly at His word!

And it was good; God saw that it was good.  
 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air; over the animals and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God, He created him. He created them, both male and female. He created them in His image.

28 Then God blessed them to be abundant; His voice was heard again, "Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it."

When God speaks something happens; "Have dominion!" was His word, "Over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, over every living thing that moves on the earth."

29 And God said, "See I have given you, every herb bearing seed which is on all the earth, and every tree with fruit yielding seed; it shall be to you for food.

30 "And I have given every green herb for food to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air and to everything with life that creeps on the earth."

And it was so.

*Man was blessed to be abundant;  
 God gave him dominion over all His creation.  
 And it was so!*

31 The evening and the morning were the sixth day.

God's word had transformed the void!

And it was good.

God saw everything that He had made, He was satisfied.

Indeed it was very good. It was pleasing in His sight!

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *It is in God means that it is in you since God made you in His image; you have the power to speak and to establish.*
2. *It is in God means that it is in you, you have creative power to transform your world.*
3. *The word of God released unimaginable power that created a world for man, finally God placed His breath and His 'word' in man.*
4. *It is easy to accept the world already created though it takes faith to conceptualize the power of the word that established it; even so, many have not fully conceptualized the power of the word in them waiting to be unleashed by faith.*
5. *The earth did not argue with God's designation for its destiny, neither should man.*
6. *If God calls it good, it is good, human beings and all His creation, time and circumstances cannot change it.*
7. *If God says, "Have dominion," you have dominion; time and circumstances cannot change it.*
8. *The world sees null and void, God sees the immeasurable potential; all the world needs is a word to see it the way God sees it.*

9. *Search the word to determine how God sees you; seek the word that will take you to His designation for your life.*
10. *The adjectives associated with God are: good and perfect, beautiful in its time, and, God saw that it was good.*
11. *He made it means He owns it, and He has all the rights. He redeemed it means He bought it and He has all the rights. You are His twice; have you ever heard that you are not your own?*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- O God of wisdom and power, release a word from heaven now that will unlock the hidden potential in me, in Jesus' name.
- Marvelous Lord, help me to see me as You see me and not as the world sees me, in Jesus' name. Help me to fully understand that the world that men exalt, was nothing until You spoke life into it, in Jesus' name.
- Father, help me to become everything that You see in me. Let every voice in me that will resist Your word, be silent, in Jesus' name.
- Amazing God, help me to embrace Your breath in me and to understand the divine nature that You invested in me after forming me from clay, in the name of Jesus.
- King of glory, I appreciate the power of Your word in me; let my spirit conceive You, and my lips release Your word by faith always. Amen.
- Father God, help me to fully understand the dominion mandate and instruction You programmed into me at creation and let me live every bit of my potential, in the name of Jesus.

**A** **PRESENCE, a person, and a place,**  
**Where the Presence creates the person in the place,**  
**And the place of the person is the Presence;**  
**The person is at his best in his place...**  
**Fed by a mist, there was no rain,**  
**Man was naked yet not ashamed;**  
**Come let us walk, I will take you there**  
**Where the breath of God brought man to life.**

GENESIS 2

1 The heavens and earth were finished, and all its contents,  
 2 and on the seventh day, God ended His work which He had done;  
 and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.  
 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which He had created and made.  
 4 This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created:  
 in the day that God made the earth and the heavens,  
 5 before any plant of the field was in the earth, and before any herb of the field had grown. For God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground;

<sup>6</sup>but a mist went up from the earth and watered all the ground.

<sup>7</sup>And the Lord God formed man from dust of the ground, and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and man became a living soul.

*@Invariably it happens,*

*God's breath electrifies.*

*When Heaven meets with earth, then the earth comes to life, formed from the dust and brought to life by the very breath of God; the heavenly Father got His hands dirty, but the garden of Eden was His plan.*

<sup>8</sup>The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

<sup>9</sup>And from the ground He made to grow, every tree pleasant to look at, and good for food.

*@Oh, the garden, what a place to be!*

*Located in the east,*

*where rivers flow and fruitful trees would make a happy feast.*

The tree of life was in the midst, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>10</sup>Out of Eden a river went to water the garden,

and from there it parted, and it became four river heads.

<sup>11</sup>The name of the first was Pison.

This river skirts the entire land of Havilah where there is gold.

<sup>12</sup>And the gold of that land is good.

The land also had in it bdellium and onyx stone.

<sup>13</sup>The name of the second is Gihon; it skirts all the land of Ethiopia.

<sup>14</sup>The name of the third river is Hiddekel, which goes towards the east of Assyria.

The fourth river is the Euphrates.

<sup>15</sup>In the garden of Eden, God placed the man to tend it and to keep;

<sup>16</sup>and the Lord God commanded the man, saying,

"Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat,

<sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat,

for the day that you eat of this tree, you shall surely die."

<sup>18</sup>And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone;

I will make for him a helper comparable to him."

<sup>19</sup>Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every bird of the air,

and He brought them to Adam to see what he would call them.

And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.

*@There Adam named all creatures, yet he never doubled up!*

<sup>20</sup>So Adam gave names to all the cattle, to the birds of the air and every beast of the field.

Adam named them one after another; but for Adam there was found no helper comparable to him.

<sup>21</sup>Oh, garden, where the Lord God caused Adam to sleep, and took one of his ribs to form *someone he thought was rather neat*, his own flesh and bone.

God took the rib from Adam and closed up the flesh.

<sup>22</sup>The Lord God made the rib into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup>And Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

<sup>24</sup>Therefore man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife, and they shall be one flesh.

<sup>25</sup>*Oh, garden, where there was no pride, the man and his wife the same; they existed in God's natural light, both naked, yet not ashamed.*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Run your hand over your body, every contour, crevice and corner; it is amazing to think that God's hands were there first; He sculpted you.*
2. *God was willing to get His hands dirty to form man; His Son was willing to get His hands bloody to redeem man; the Holy Spirit is willing to subject Himself to flesh to live in sinful man. What is man?*
3. *God's word had the power to bring man to life but He did not choose to speak but to mould and to breathe, for only the breath of God has the power to bring man to worship.*
4. *The fish for the water, the plant for soil, and man for the presence of God.*
5. *Man operates at his peak from the presence of God; even to naming all creatures without doubling up.*
6. *There is room for delegation, ownership and partnership, even at creation; there may be something for your subordinates to name.*
7. *There is abundance of joy, peace, happiness and provision in the presence of God.*
8. *When your world cannot provide a suitable companion, wait on the Lord.*
9. *Man was given a companion while living in the presence of God; let her find you there.*
10. *You will be amazed at what the Lord can bring out of you if you will rest in His hands.*
11. *Even in your paradise garden, you need a law to restrain you and to keep you focused on God.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- O God, my Father, help me to understand the real power that I generate from the platform of Your presence, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- O Lord God of creation, I decree that I shall achieve my full potential in You, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- King of Glory, help me to understand the glory

that was deposited in me when You came down and breathed in me, in Jesus' name; let worship become as natural to me as the breath I breathe, the breath You breathed in me, in the name of Jesus Christ.

- O Lord of host, help me never to lose the essence of the touch of Your hand running all over my vessel of clay to carve me out; let this be the personality of my relationship with You, in Jesus name.
- Father God, help me not to be limited by the non-existence of the things of life, but let me recognize the beauty, greatness and perfection You can bring out of me; I will rest completely in Your hands, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**I**n the presence of God, what a great place to be,  
 Where we rest from our labors, live forever at peace;  
 Where fear can't beset us, we are fed from His tree.  
 Won't be moved from His Shadow; want His presence with me!

GENESIS 3

*@Man lived in God's presence; he just had to be; he had all things to his pleasure, except for one tree.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more cunning than any animal God had made.

He said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'Of every tree of the garden you shall not eat?' Has God really said? Are you sure? Now tell me!"

<sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees;

<sup>3</sup>but of the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat nor shall you touch it...!' *She exaggerated.*  
 '...nor shall you touch it lest you die!'"

<sup>4</sup>*In the eyes of the serpent, God's word was a lie.* He questioned God's motive, and said, "You will surely not die!

<sup>5</sup>For God knows the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

*@The truth about wisdom, when wrapped in deceit, was stronger than her will; she took fruit to eat.*

<sup>6</sup>For when the woman saw the tree was good for food and oh, so pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she cast off all restraint, and took of its fruit and ate.

She also gave to her husband with her, *@and although he knew what he had; he honored the woman, and disobeyed God;* he ate.

<sup>7</sup>Their eyes both were opened; *@soon would come blame, remorse and self pity, unclothed and ashamed.* Conscious that they were naked, they sewed aprons of fig leaves.

<sup>8</sup>They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day,

and Adam and his wife hid from God's presence among the trees of the garden, *no longer comfortable in that place.*

*@If man is not connected, fig leaves will not be enough, when shrouded in darkness, God's light will erupt!*

*They needed a covering, as all sinners do. When God shines on sin's darkness, He exposes the truth!*

<sup>9</sup>The Lord God called to Adam and said, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup>So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, and so I hid myself."

<sup>11</sup>"Who told you that you were naked?" God replied and said.

"Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded that you should not?"

<sup>12</sup>Then Adam said, "The woman You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree and I ate it."

<sup>13</sup>And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." *They passed the blame around.*

<sup>14</sup>So the Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; you shall go around on your belly and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>And between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed, I will put hatred and strife.

He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

<sup>16</sup>And to the woman God said, "I will greatly increase your sorrow in childbearing. In pain you shall give birth to children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

<sup>17</sup>Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it':

cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.

<sup>18</sup>It shall bring forth to you both thistles and thorns, and you shall eat the herb of the field.

<sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken.

For you are dust, and to dust you shall return again!"

<sup>20</sup>And Adam named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

*@God was loving and faithful as He offered that day, the first blood offering;*

<sup>21</sup>He made coats of skins to clothe them, to cover their shame.

**22**Then the Lord God said, "The man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, to prevent him taking of the tree of life to eat and so live forever, *in this sinful state.*"

**23**Therefore, the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden, to cultivate and plough the ground from which he was made.

**24**So God drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

*@Driven from God's presence, kept out by his improper choice, dead was man's spirit, and all cause to rejoice. Man needed redemption, to come back to that place where we rest from our labors, live forever in grace, where fear can't beset us; we are fed from His tree;*

*where we are not moved from His Shadow; to be in His presence constantly.*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Sin may be enticing, but it is momentary, the consequence is monumental.
2. It is wisdom to sacrifice today for tomorrow, rather than to sacrifice your tomorrow for today's, for you leave today's behind, but tomorrow is advancing to meet you.
3. Wisdom has departed when you trade the presence of God for the presents of the devil; the desires of the flesh.
4. Wisdom has departed when you forsake the word of God to fulfil your world of lust.
5. Wisdom has departed when you legislate contradictions to the word of God.
6. Eve was tempted, Eve surrendered; you are being tempted, will your response justify Adam's sin, or will it justify Jesus' death?
7. Man was designated to leave father and mother for the woman, not to leave God for the woman... unfortunately many men still do.
8. You may choose to pull her up or have her pull you down; how do you find balance when there is no letting go?
9. It is by the serpent does not mean it is of the animal, never confuse the problem with the source or you may be fighting the wrong battles. We do not war against flesh and blood.
10. It appears harmless and friendly, but you discern its character and nature if it contradicts the word of God.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, help me to be comfortable within the boundaries you have set for me to operate, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord of Creation, help me not to be like the many fools who have sacrificed everything for what they themselves consider nothing, in Jesus name.
- King of Glory, help me to violently resist the old serpent who would have me sacrifice the garden for a fruit, to sacrifice glory for a moment, in the name of Jesus.

- My Father, my God, I take responsibility for all the problems I have brought on myself because of my own lust, greed and stupidity; give me wisdom to respect Your word above my feelings and emotions, in the name of Jesus.
- Thank You Father for the Lamb that was slain for my covering; help me to respect and honor the awesomeness of the blood flowing from the cross every day I live, in the name of Jesus.

**T**O give just a little and yet to gain the best,

**To give the least in offering and desire to have it blessed!**

**Just like Adam's firstborn, a farmer; his name was Cain;**

**His heart was not like Abel's; his gift God disdained!**

### GENESIS 4

**1**Now Adam knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain.

And she said, "I have received a man from the Lord."

**2**Then she bore his brother Abel, he was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a farmer, a tiller of the ground.

And she knew she had received, two men from the Lord.

**3**In the process of time, both brought offerings to the Lord.

Cain brought of the ground just anything;

**4**Abel brought of his flock the best he had; he brought the firstborn, the ones that were fat.

And the Lord had regard for Abel, and his offering,

**5**but He had no regard for Cain and his offering.

And Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

**6**So the Lord said, "Cain, why are you angry? And why is your posture fallen?"

**7**If you do well, will you not be accepted?

If not, sin lies at your door. Its desire is for you, but you should rule over it"

*@With stinginess comes envy, with tardiness comes fear,*

*thinking, "If you crush the 'God Reachers,' perhaps it will get you there!"*

*Not so! Cain can tell you; he was in for a surprise. Nothing done under heaven is hidden from God's eyes!*

*Oh, the curse of Adam, sin came into play; envy, greed and malice, the first murder on that day.*

**8**Now Cain talked with his brother Abel, and when they were in the field, he rose up against Abel and killed him.

*But God knows, He hears, He sees!*

**9**God could not reject it; the blood of Abel cried.

Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother?"

"I do not know, am I my brother's keeper?"

was the insolent reply.

<sup>10</sup>And God said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.

<sup>11</sup>"So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood at your hand.

<sup>12</sup>When you cultivate the soil in the future, it will no longer yield to you a good increase." He was driven from God's presence, a fugitive and a vagabond to be.

<sup>13</sup>*Cursed by God, he could not handle this.* "I am going to die," Cain feared.

*The man who killed his brother said,* "My punishment is greater than I can bear!

<sup>14</sup>"Lord, You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground, and from Your face I shall be hidden;

I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth; and anyone who finds me will kill me!" *He resisted the offering, but he understood well the power and finality of God's word.*

<sup>15</sup>And the Lord said to him. "Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold."

And the Lord set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should shed his blood.

<sup>16</sup>Then Cain went from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod to Eden's east.

<sup>17</sup>And Cain got intimate with his wife, and Enoch his firstborn was conceived.

And Cain built a city, and named the city after the name of Enoch his son.

<sup>18</sup>To Enoch, Irad the father of Mehujael was born.

And Mehujael begot Metusael who begot Lamech.

<sup>19</sup>Then Lamech took for himself two wives: Adah and Zillah.

<sup>20</sup>Adah bore Jabal, who fathered those who dwelt in tents and had livestock.

<sup>21</sup>His brother's name was Jubal. He fathered the musicians who played the flute and the harp.

<sup>22</sup>And Zillah his other wife, bore Tubal-cain, who instructed every craftsman in iron and bronze.

His sister was Naamah.

<sup>23</sup>*With the curse of Adam active,* Lamech said to his wives,

"Adah and Zillah, hear me.

I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man is dead for hurting me!

<sup>24</sup>If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, then Lamech seventy-sevenfold."

*@Something for consolation, someone to soothe the pain:*

<sup>25</sup>Adam got intimate with his wife again, and she bore him a son.

She named him Seth for she said, "God has appointed me another, for Abel whom Cain has killed!"

<sup>26</sup>To Seth was born a son; and he named him Enosh.

*@Do you love to give a little? If all men gave all they had; the flood could be averted, for men began to call on God!*

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *God speaks the language of best: His image, His breath, His Son, His Spirit; His heaven; why should He accept your language of sub-standard or what is left?*
2. *Your gift to God is a portrayal of your image of God.*
3. *You block your blessings by your attitude towards giving, never stand in the way of those who won't.*
4. *If you are not zealous towards God, why are you jealous of God's goodness?*
5. *When you have done everything except the right thing to get a positive response, you have done the right thing to get a negative response.*
6. *You cannot compete with a giver, dead or alive; even in death their blood gets God's attention faster than yours.*
7. *God is the source of all things; shut up your heart to God, He shuts up the source to you: the heavens and the soil you live from.*
8. *The ones who show no mercy are usually the first to beg for mercy. What qualifies you for God's mercy and forgiveness?*
9. *The goodness and mercy of God surpasses our qualification for it, that is why many of us are still alive today.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Father God, thank You for affording me the privilege of bringing an offering to You; help me never to discount this opportunity, in the name of Jesus.
- O God of Heaven who created the earth, is there anything on earth too good for You? Help me to adequately answer this question with my offering, in the name of Jesus.
- O Lord, give me the attitude of Abel toward You. Help me to love Your presence, to anticipate Your person, to play for Your eyes only, to pour my heart out to You, to give You the best of me, and the best of everything I possess, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus Christ, I drive every mean, stingy, selfish, envious and murderous spirit out of me, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, help me to recognize the One who makes the ground yield my increase, who allows my business to prosper, who makes me successful in my career and in my life, for to leave You out is to leave prosperity out of my future, in the name of Jesus.
- Father, help me to regulate my life by Your laws, rather than to have Your laws restrain me in life, in Jesus' name. Amen.

**T**HE world was corrupt and wicked, as Adam multiplied.

**Death passed to all creation as he ate the fruit and died!**

**Is there someone with the passion?**

**Someone lost in love?**

**Faithful to the Master, someone who walks with God?**

## GENESIS 5

<sup>1</sup>This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.  
<sup>2</sup>He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Man in the day they were created.  
<sup>3</sup>And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years and fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image; and he named him Seth.  
<sup>4</sup>After Seth he lived eight hundred years and he fathered sons and daughters.  
<sup>5</sup>So Adam lived a total of nine hundred and thirty years and he died.  
<sup>6</sup>Seth lived one hundred and five years and fathered Enosh.  
<sup>7</sup>After Enosh, Seth lived eight hundred and seven years and fathered sons and daughters.  
<sup>8</sup>So all the years of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, after which he died.  
<sup>9</sup>Enosh lived ninety years and fathered Cainan.  
<sup>10</sup>After this, Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years and fathered sons and daughters.  
<sup>11</sup>All the years of Enosh were nine hundred and five years, and he died.  
<sup>12</sup>Cainan lived seventy years, and fathered Mahalaleel.  
<sup>13</sup>After this Cainan lived eight hundred and forty years, and fathered sons and daughters.  
<sup>14</sup>So Cainan lived a total of nine hundred and ten years, and he died.  
<sup>15</sup>Mahalaleel lived sixty-five years.  
<sup>16</sup>After he fathered Jared, Mahalaleel lived eight hundred and thirty years and fathered sons and daughters.  
<sup>17</sup>So all the years of Mahalaleel were eight hundred and ninety-five years, and he died.  
<sup>18</sup>Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and fathered Enoch.  
<sup>19</sup>After Enoch, Jared lived eight hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters.  
<sup>20</sup>So Jared lived a total of nine hundred and sixty-two years, and he died.  
<sup>21</sup>Enoch lived sixty-five years, and fathered Methuselah.  
<sup>22</sup>After he fathered Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters.  
<sup>23</sup>So all the days of Enoch totalled three hundred and sixty-five years.  
<sup>24</sup>But Enoch would not be bound by Adam's sin. Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him!  
*@Imagine, as some affirmed, God took Enoch; some perhaps said, "He disappeared!" But all could say he served God and that he was, then wasn't there.  
 There was only one conclusion; Enoch walked with God by faith!  
 Yes, but it leaves the heart to wonder, "Walk with God?" what does it take?*

*@Did Enoch pray to God for hours? Or did he pray three times a day?  
 Did he think constantly on God's glory, and on His goodness meditate?  
 Did he order all his footsteps by first asking, "What would God have me do?"  
 Did he punctuate his day with praises as the love in his heart grew?  
 @Did he show God's love to others? Did he evangelise?  
 For all that knew him knew that, by love this man survived!  
 So great was his dedication that when he was taken away;  
 there was no hesitation, God took this man of faith!  
<sup>25</sup>Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and fathered Lamech.  
<sup>26</sup>After he fathered Lamech, Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years, and fathered sons and daughters.  
<sup>27</sup>So all the years of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years;  
 like all his forefathers, he was full of years; but yes, he died'.  
<sup>28</sup>Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and fathered a son.  
<sup>29</sup>And he called him Noah, for he prophesied, "This child will comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed."  
<sup>30</sup>After he fathered Noah, Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years more, and fathered sons and daughters.  
<sup>31</sup>So Lamech lived a total of seven hundred and seventy-seven years and yes, Lamech too died.  
*@But nature's appointment did not claim Enoch, though he was of their seed and line.  
<sup>32</sup>Noah was five hundred years old, and he begot Shem, Ham and Japheth.  
 @But there is great value, for all who will follow in Enoch's steps,  
 for maybe God will take us, or maybe He will leave us here;  
 maybe we will lose our old self, the old man will disappear!  
 Is there someone with passion? Someone full of love for God?  
 Your old self will vanish, as you daily get lost in God!**

## CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Long life is for procreation; eternal life is for His new creation.
2. It is best to live a Godly life than to live a good life or a long life; get your focus right.
3. The quality of your life will have a greater voice than the length of your life.
4. You are not living yet if you are living dead; find the Way; find the Truth; find the Life.
5. Get lost in God and you will be found with God.
6. When you pursue the presence of God with

*ardency, you lose yourself, literally.*

- 7. *When you spend quality time with God you will begin to look and act like God: Moses' face shone and the apostles of Christ reasoned beyond their educational capacity.*
- 8. *He cannot contain you on earth, He will take you to heaven; you will be caught away with Him.*
- 9. *A thousand years in our sight is as a day in God's sight, then comes morning where time stops; will your day have counted?*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- O God my Father, please translate for me the meaning of Enoch's walk with You. Help me to love You so much that earth is too distant, in the name of Jesus.
- Lover of my soul, let my passion for You consume me until it consummates me and changes me completely, in Jesus name.
- My Father, my God, I will lose myself in You, so that when I am found they will see You and not me, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Father, I thank You for life, let the quality of my life move heaven on my behalf, in Jesus name.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus Christ, I have eternal life; I refuse to live for myself in time, but to live a quality life for Jesus. Amen.
- I forcefully refuse to boast about how long I live, or how much I achieve or attain, but I will boast about how strong I lived for Christ, and how much I represented His kingdom in this life, in Jesus name.

**WHEN all things are good and perfect, Designed the way God planned, Yet the Builder must destroy it; Then something must be wrong!**

GENESIS 6

- <sup>1</sup>When sin caused separation, as humans multiplied and to them daughters were born, *the face of the earth buzzed with new life.*
- <sup>2</sup>When the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful, they were admired; they took them for their wives, all whom they chose, whom they desired.
- <sup>3</sup>Then the Lord God said, "With man My Spirit shall not always thrive, for flesh dictated vision!" Something was not right.
- "One hundred and twenty years I will give him; yes, this shall be his days, for he is flesh indeed, and flesh dictates his ways!"
- <sup>4</sup>Then there were giants great and mighty there in those days, the sons of God came in to the daughters of men in union and they bore giants, mighty men of old; the children of these unions were all men of might, famous and renown.
- <sup>5</sup>When God saw that the wickedness of man

- in the earth was great, for thoughts corrupt and evil were their daily meditate;
- <sup>6</sup>then God turned back from humans, He could not bear the sight; the earth was filled with violence; *something was not right!*
- Then God was sorry He made man, it grieved Him to His heart; man's every imagination was evil, and also his continual thoughts.
- <sup>7</sup>When God created all things, gave man a sovereign role, the sins of man at all times, on all creation took a toll: first, the earth grew thorns and thistles; now the verdict, "Destroy all! Man and beast and creeping things, and fowls both great and small."
- <sup>8</sup>When God expected order, all flesh had corrupted His way; Man must be moved from office, but Noah; he found grace.
- <sup>9</sup>A man found just and perfect; a man whose walk was right, in times bizarre and wicked, his deeds would save his life! In an earth filled with violence, Noah walked with God.
- <sup>10</sup>Noah fathered three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.
- <sup>11</sup>The earth was also corrupt before God and full of violence.
- <sup>12</sup>And God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt, for everyone had corrupted themselves.
- @I wonder what had happened, when Noah heard God's plan to reprove the earth of violence, send a flood on everyone!*
- <sup>13</sup>God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for through them the earth is filled with violence; and now, behold, I will destroy the earth and all of them.
- <sup>14</sup>Build an ark of gopher wood; in the ark you shall make rooms; seal it with pitch inside and out.
- <sup>15</sup>The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits and its height thirty.
- <sup>16</sup>You shall make a window, finished to a cubit from above; set the door in its sides; make it with lower, second and third decks."
- @The ark was to save his family; the flood to save the earth.*
- He got all the instructions and was told to get to work.
- <sup>17</sup>"I Myself am bringing a flood on the earth, to destroy all flesh under heaven with the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die!"
- @By wickedness we slay them; by righteousness*



*they are saved!*

Noah would build for all the creatures and take them in by pairs.

**18**“My covenant I will establish with you, Noah; you shall go into the ark with your sons, your wife and the wives of your sons.

**19**Of every living thing of all flesh, bring into the ark two of every kind, a male and a female, to keep them alive.

**20**Of the birds after their kind, and of every creeping thing after their kind; take two to keep them alive.

**21**Take for yourself of all food that can be eaten, gather it to you; food for you and for them all.”

*@They watched him as he built it, an ark three stories high;*

*they knew that he was different, but . . .*

*something was not right!*

*And just as God commanded, the ark would come along;*

*and all who saw him knew it; something must be wrong!*

**22**They saw him do all God commanded;

*@they observed him through the passage of time;*

*he seemed quite sane and sober, but . . .*

*something was not right!*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Yes indeed, something is not right, but can you discern it? Right you're wrong; now right your wrong; forsake your knowledge and consult the word.*
2. *Satan is corruption that corrupts and is corrupting; check your heart to see if he gained access.*
3. *You have the word of God as measure. You have nothing to boast about when the things you think most about are offensive to the Lord of hosts.*
4. *Sin restricts and shortens human life, righteousness removes the cap and propels you beyond time limitation into eternal life.*
5. *Your thoughts cry out to God every day; is it crying out for judgment or for favor?*
6. *Grace suspends but does not abort judgment.*
7. *Death is an escape from life but not an escape from judgment.*
8. *Will God find you righteous in your sinful generation, or must He judge you with your generation?*
9. *Have you blended in with the darkness of this age or is your light fighting back?*
10. *It is very easy to fit in, it takes character to stand out.*
11. *Can God use you to save your world?*
12. *If God outlined to you his plan of salvation, will you get on board with heart and hands? The cross has displayed for you God's plan of redemption, He has your heart, does He have your hands?*

### PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, help me never to be so content with this sinful world that I sit back and do nothing to reach them, in the name of Jesus.

- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I shall be a distinction in my generation; I shall not be content to blend in beyond recognition.
- Search my heart O Lord, try my thoughts, see if there is any wicked, abominable thing in me, soak me in the blood of Jesus and set me free, in Jesus' name.
- Sovereign Lord, I avail myself like Noah, to be different, to be a difference; to offer the shelter of the cross, Your ark of salvation, Your new covenant, to this sinful world. Amen.

**A SHINING light in darkness,  
A beacon at its brightest;  
Righteousness that shone,  
And the voice of God said, “Come!”**

### GENESIS 7

**1**Then the Lord said to Noah, “Come into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.

**2**You shall take seven each of every clean animal, and two each of animals that are unclean, a male and a female.

**3**“Come, take seven each of the birds of the air, male and female, to keep their species alive on the face of the earth.

**4**For in seven days I will cause rain to come on the earth, forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the earth, every living thing that I have made.”

**5**Noah did according to all that the Lord commanded him to do.

**6**Noah was six hundred years old when the earth was covered with the waters of the flood.

**7**So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and the wives of his sons, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.

**8**Of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of every creeping thing on earth,

**9**two by two they went into the ark, male and female, as the Lord commanded Noah.

**10**And the flood waters were on the earth after seven days.

**11**In the seventeenth day of the second month of the six hundredth year of Noah's life, the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and water poured down from the sky.

**12**And the rain came on the earth forty days and forty nights.

**13**On the same day Noah entered the ark with his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, his wife and their wives.

**14**And every beast after their kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing and every bird after their kind, of every sort.

**15**With Noah, into the ark went, two by two of all flesh which breathed the breath of life.

*@Won't you come?*

*Come and be shut in by the Lord!*

*Come and be sustained by His word!*

*Come to a place where you will be safe.*

16 *When all hope is lost, God's covenant remains!*  
So every living flesh entered the ark as the Lord commanded him, and the Lord shut him in.

17 The flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted the ark. Come, feel the ark begin to rise, lifted high above the earth towards the skies.

18 See the waters increase greatly, the ark was on its waves;

19 in all the earth, the waters prevailed. See the waters cover all the hills

20 and submerge the mountain peaks.

21 All flesh died that moved on the earth: birds, cattle, animals, creeping things and man alike,

22 every living thing that had in their nostrils the breath of life.

All that was on the dry land died.

23 Come, for every living thing is now destroyed;

both man and cattle, creeping thing and birds of the air have died.

Only Noah and all that were in the ark with him survived.

24 For one hundred and fifty days the waters prevailed.

*@Fearsome is God's wrath, this He displayed.*

*Come, be like Noah in the earth;  
shine your light in darkness; show your works!  
Come, build an ark of safety for all men,  
for judgment will surely come again!*

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *Safe in the arms of Jesus or submerged in the flood of wickedness; righteousness will sustain where grace is restrained.*
2. *God has spoken it, over and over again: judgment coming! judgment coming!*
3. *Freedom allows you to believe, democracy allows you to legislate; God is sovereign; His word is the only law His judgment recognizes.*
4. *You see the signs, why are you not in the ark?*
5. *Pigs and goats and the fierce wild animals responded to the preaching of Noah's gospel, yet men made it a spectacle until the floods came; Jesus prophesied, "As in the days of Noah..." How are you responding to the gospel of Jesus Christ?*
6. *By the goodness of God, an ark of safety precedes judgment of the world; the ark for this generation is the cross.*
7. *The flood waters are rising all around us; you are being stifled; stop looking for explanations; are you listening?*
8. *It is not subject to what you believe; go to the manual to understand the rules governing your life and existence.*
9. *Are you satisfied to enter the ark alone, or will you warn to the very end?*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Father, forgive me for everyone I have lost without warning them, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord Jesus, You have spoken over and over again, "I am coming soon. I come quickly!" Help me never to ignore the signs, or to seek

scientific explanations for them, in the name of Jesus.

- Lord Jesus, I present myself as a candidate to be shut in by You.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I run into the cross for safety from the judgment coming upon this world, in Jesus name.
- Father God, help me never to take a moment of chance with my life. Help me never to gamble with my salvation, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, I reject the wisdom of the people in Noah's days who had the closed doors of the ark shout at them, "Too late!"
- Lord of hosts, I believe You, You say judgment is coming, it is coming. I pray that no member of my family will be lost, in the name of Jesus.

**H**E remembers you, Noah,  
**H**Your ark will come to rest.  
**H**e remembers you, Noah,  
**Y**our sons and all the rest.  
**O**ne hundred and fifty days of pounding,  
**O**f lightning, heavy rains.  
**O**ne hundred and fifty days of tossing,  
**t**he nerves begin to strain.  
**I**f He saves you, He will keep you,  
**I**f He promises, He will come through.  
**W**hen you hear the wind, take notice:  
**t**he Lord remembers you.

GENESIS 8

1 Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were in the ark with him.

And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided then.

2 He remembers you, Noah; the fountains of the deep He has stopped, and also the windows of heaven; the rain will no more drop.

3 The waters receded from the earth continually.

At the end of one hundred and fifty days, the waters decreased.

4 Then the ark rested on Mount Ararat on the seventeenth day of the seventh month.

5 He remembers you, Noah, the mountain tops are seen;

it was the first day of the tenth month. He remembers you, Noah, your hope is sure in Him!

6 Open your window, Noah: at the end of forty days he did this.

7 Open your window, Noah, send a raven, let it roam.

He sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro.

8 And Noah sent out a dove to see if the waters had receded from the earth.

9 The dove found no resting place, and so the dove returned, for the waters still covered the entire earth.

10 After seven days, he sent out the dove again;

11 the dove came to him in the evening with a freshly plucked olive leaf in her mouth;

and Noah knew the waters had receded from the earth.

<sup>12</sup>Noah sent out the dove after waiting seven days more, and the dove did not return to him again anymore.

*@Where is the dove Noah? She is gone, oh, yes, it is true.*

*When you see these things, dear Noah, the Lord remembers you!*

<sup>13</sup>He remembers you, Noah: it was the six-hundredth and first year, in the first month and on the first day, that from the face of the earth the waters had dried away.

Noah removed the covering of the ark, and... "Oh, look! The ground is dry."

<sup>14</sup>On the twenty-seventh day of the second month, the face of the earth was dry.

<sup>15</sup>Then God spoke to Noah.

His voice brought fresh assurance as He said, "Noah, go forth!

<sup>16</sup>Go out of the ark, you, your wife, your sons and their wives.

<sup>17</sup>Bring every living creature out with you: cattle, birds and every creeping thing alike. Time for them to breed abundantly, to be fruitful and to multiply."

*Time for you to build an altar; give to God a sacrifice.*

<sup>18</sup>So Noah went out of the ark with all his household.

<sup>19</sup>Every animal, creeping thing and bird went out of the ark also.

<sup>20</sup>And Noah built an altar to the Lord and took of every clean animal and every clean bird, and he offered burnt offerings on the altar to the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma.

Then the Lord said in His heart, "I will never curse the ground again for man's sake,

although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth continually, nor will I destroy every living thing as I have done.

<sup>22</sup>"While the earth remains: there will be seedtime and harvest, you will feel the cold and heat, you will see summer and winter, night and day will never cease!"

*@God's promises are eternal;*

*His promises are true.*

*When you see these things take notice, the Lord remembers you!*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. You may feel forgotten in this sea of sin, do not forget to remember you are in His ark.
2. The only safe place in this world is in His covenant.
3. God can never forget you in transit; He punished His Son to bring you to a destination.
4. Your flood waters will recede.
5. Step out of your ark and into God's promise if you remain forever in His covenant.

6. It is never too precious or too limited to sacrifice to God. He is your unlimited source of supply.
7. God may never curse the ground again because of man, but He has issued a decree to remove and replace it; until then, while the earth remains...
8. Do not let consistency cause complacency; enjoy day and night, seedtime and harvest, summer and winter, but remember, the same Source that decreed consistency, decreed the end of time. Indeed the sun shall be darkened, the stars shall fall from heaven, the key is...while the earth remains.
9. The confidence and creed of every giver is: if there is seedtime, there will be harvest.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Father, help me to remain faithful, even when I feel forgotten, knowing You can never forget or forsake Your word.
- O God who made the heavens and earth, Your word is self fulfilling and I can depend on it to come through for me, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I decree that my flood waters shall recede and I shall live again, in the name of Jesus.
- My Father my God, thank You for shutting me in and keeping me safe in the midst of my bitter storms, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord God, help me to never make anything I administer too scarce or too valuable to sacrifice to You, in Jesus' name.
- Give me the wisdom of Noah to sacrifice first and to live after, knowing You are the supplier, the sustainer and the multiplier, in the name of Jesus.

**WHAT a flood! All Your terrors we have seen**

**None could intervene and none could ever stop it!**

**O how much a sense of hope and security would mean**

**I guess, dear Lord, creation needs a promise.**

### GENESIS 9

*Thanks for blessing us:*

<sup>1</sup>God blessed Noah and his sons, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply..."

We will replenish the earth, even as You prescribed.

<sup>2</sup>Thanks for the fear and dread of every bird and every beast, and every living thing that moves on the earth and in the sea.

Thanks for giving into our hands, every beast, every bird and every fish, *but we fear Your wrath, dear Lord; we need a promise.*

<sup>3</sup>As You had given us vegetables, You now give to us for our food, every living thing that moves,

<sup>4</sup>but You command us not to eat flesh with the blood, that is its life,

<sup>5</sup>and for our lifeblood You will demand an account; from the hand of every beast, and of every man it is required.

From the hand of every man's brother You will require man's life.

<sup>6</sup>You decreed that whoever shed man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed, for in the image of God, You made man.

<sup>7</sup>You blessed us on the earth to be fruitful and to multiply, to bear much fruit in it and to produce in abundance.

*@It pleases well but, dear Lord, hear our cry; we need a promise so we will know the earth shall stand!*

*The cry of all creation, God knew it very well;*

<sup>8</sup>God spoke to Noah, and to his sons with him and said,

<sup>9</sup>"As for Me, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you,

<sup>10</sup>and with every living creature with you. Let the birds and beasts rejoice; of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth alike.

<sup>11</sup>Thus I establish My covenant with you; no more such floods, no more such rain; no more will I destroy all the earth again! No more waters shall rise, cover mountain peaks and heights; no more such floods where all the earth will be destroyed!"

<sup>12</sup>And God said, "As a sign of My covenant, which I make between Me and you, and every living creature with you for perpetual generations:

<sup>13</sup>see the rainbow in the cloud that I have stretched, a sign of the covenant between Me and with all flesh.

*@In the midst of rising water and despite pounding rain, know that the waters shall never be a flood like this again.*

<sup>14</sup>When I bring a cloud over the earth, in it the rainbow will be seen,

<sup>15</sup>and I will remember My covenant between Me and you and every living thing; the water shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh."

<sup>16</sup>"The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the covenant between God and every living creature on earth."

<sup>17</sup>And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established, between Me and all flesh on the earth."

<sup>18</sup>Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

And Ham was the father of Canaan.  
<sup>19</sup>These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.

<sup>20</sup>And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard.

*@Thank God for His promise, a promise we all need;*

*for man's thoughts are corrupt from his youth,*

*and it is perpetuated in his seed.*

*Perhaps man will be drunken, will drink excess of wine;*

*or in the eyes of the children, the father will be despised.*

*@Perhaps the curse of Canaan, when passed on to his children,*

*will turn bondage to hatred, and evil thoughts dictate again.*

*What could stay You, Father? What could restrain Your hand?*

*The earth can now breathe freely, because of this Your covenant!*

<sup>21</sup>Yes, Noah drank of the wine and was drunk and became uncovered in his tent;

<sup>22</sup>and Ham, the father of Canaan, saw Noah's nakedness and told his two brothers outside about it.

<sup>23</sup>But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it on both their shoulders, and went backwards and covered the nakedness of their father in doing so. Their faces were turned away so that they did not see their father's nakedness.

<sup>24</sup>So Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done;

<sup>25</sup>then he said, "Cursed be Canaan; he shall be a servant of servants to his brothers!"

<sup>26</sup>And he said, "Blessed be the Lord God of Shem, and may Canaan be his servant.

<sup>27</sup>God shall enlarge Japheth, and may he dwell in the tents of Shem; and may Canaan be his servant."

<sup>28</sup>And Noah lived for three hundred and fifty years after the flood.

<sup>29</sup>And Noah lived a total of nine hundred and fifty years and then he died.

*@But the covenant that God made with all living things continues throughout time.*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. If His love cannot contain us, His laws must restrain us, or His judgment will constrain us.
2. The blessing to increase in multiples is upon you, it happens naturally and also by effort.
3. The lovely rainbow is a hand of restraint that smiles beautifully to cover the hand of judgment our wickedness courts daily.
4. The rainbow is a symbol of the hand of God restraining Himself, and of His grace in action.
5. Never ridicule your father, even if justified, or the laughter will get stuck on you.
6. True honor covers what indiscretion exposes.
7. When you dishonor your father you dishonor yourself and your children, and you dishonor God.
8. Canaan and his lands have been decreed for Abraham, son of Shem and his descendants by the principle of honor.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Father, You remain faithful and true throughout all generations, and Your laws are righteous and just, in the name of Jesus.
- God of might and power, I thank You for restraining Your hand of judgment; and painting the picture of Your grace in the

clouds, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

- My Father my God, if You should count iniquity I know I could not stand; I thank You for the painting of Your rainbow in the clouds, and the painting of Your blood on the cross. Amen.
- Holy God, help me to honor You as my Father, by honoring my parents on earth, in Jesus name.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I break every curse of my father's and mother's household on my life, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Let the power in the blood of Jesus, break every curse my father has proclaimed over my life, even if it was justified in the moment, in the name of Jesus.

**H**AIL the sons of Noah, as they began to multiply;  
**By all these sons of Noah, should the nations and race divide.**  
**Shem, Ham and Japheth, all were born before the flood;**  
**The earth's repopulation, now depended on their sons.**

#### GENESIS 10

- <sup>1</sup>This is the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham and Japheth.  
 And sons were born to them after the flood.  
<sup>2</sup>The sons of Japheth were: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech and Tiras.  
<sup>3</sup>Ashkenaz, Riphath and Togarmah, all were Gomer's sons.  
<sup>4</sup>The sons of Javan were Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim and Dodanim.  
<sup>5</sup>The islands of the Gentiles were divided into their lands by these,  
 everyone according to his language, according to their families, into their nations.  
<sup>6</sup>The sons of Ham were: Cush, Mizraim, Put and Canaan.  
<sup>7</sup>The sons of Cush were: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtechah; Raamah's sons were Sheba and Dedan.  
<sup>8</sup>*Hey Cush, son of Ham. What are you remembered for?*  
 Nimrod, your son, mighty on the earth.  
<sup>9</sup>He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefore it was said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord."  
<sup>10</sup>His kingdom began with Babel, his name mighty and great,  
 he built Erech, Accad, Calneh on the plains of Shinar.  
<sup>11</sup>From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth, Ir, Calah  
<sup>12</sup>and Resen, a city between Nineveh and Calah, (the principal city).  
<sup>13</sup>Mizraim begot Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Nephthuhim,  
<sup>14</sup>Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from which came the Philistines and Caphtorim).  
<sup>15</sup>Canaan begot Sidon his firstborn and Heth;  
<sup>16</sup>the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Girgashite;  
<sup>17</sup>the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite;  
<sup>18</sup>the Arvadite, the Zemarite and the

Hamathite.

Afterwards the families of the Canaanites were scattered.

<sup>19</sup>And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon as you go towards Gerar, as far as Gaza;

then as you go towards Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboim, as far as Lasha.

<sup>20</sup>These were the sons of Ham, according to their families, to their languages, in their lands and in their nations.

<sup>21</sup>Children were born also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber,  
 the brother of Japheth the elder.

<sup>22</sup>The sons of Shem were Elam, Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud and Aram;

<sup>23</sup>Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash, were Aram's sons.

<sup>24</sup>Arphaxad begot Salah, and Salah begot Eber.

<sup>25</sup>To Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg for the earth was divided in his days,  
 and his brother's name was Joktan.

<sup>26</sup>Joktan begot Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

<sup>27</sup>Hodoram, Uzal, Diklah,

<sup>28</sup>Obal, Abimael, Sheba,

<sup>29</sup>Ophir, Havilah and Jobab. These were all the sons of Joktan.

<sup>30</sup>Their dwelling was from Mesha as you go towards Sephar, the mountain of the east.

<sup>31</sup>These were the sons of Shem, according to their families, to their languages, in their lands, according to their nations.

<sup>32</sup>We see the families of the sons of Noah as they multiplied,  
 according to their generations, in their nations;

and from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood.

*@We see the earth replenished as God had said in blessing Noah after the flood.*

*The Potter breaks and He rebuilds. You must agree, our God is good.*

#### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *It starts with a seed, it becomes a plantation, it starts with a family, it becomes nations.*
2. *Never despise the day of small beginnings, embrace the potential in you.*
3. *If you do it before the Lord, with the help of the Lord, He will distinguish you in your field, business and career.*
4. *You can be known for being a mighty hunter, or a great artist, but it is best to be known as a mighty hunter or great artist before the Lord.*
5. *Remain faithful to the word of God, because God is faithful to His word to fulfil it.*
6. *A painful breaking is a platform for a powerful rebuilding; God is able to process and reposition as He works purpose and fulfilment.*
7. *You have the power to multiply, you have the potential to release godly seeds that will proliferate to fill the nations.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Father God, let my life be a success story that plays out before the Lord, in the name of Jesus.
- My Father, my God, I refuse to do anything or be anything outside of You, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord of hosts, let Your presence, Your person and Your word, be the launching pad for my success, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Father God, by the divine decree of fruitfulness and multiplication, I declare that the seed of God in me shall have an impact in shaping the nations for God, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- By the power of the Holy Ghost and fire, I declare that I shall not die unwanted, unsung, unrecognized or unfulfilled, in the name of Jesus.

**UNITED in one purpose;  
nothing can withstand, for unity delivers;  
strength is complete in one!  
One with God and in His purpose  
When together brethren stand.  
The sky and nature is not your limit;  
You will go beyond!  
Yes, your limit is simply God.**

GENESIS 11

*@One people, one language, one speech, on Shinar's open plain.*

*One plan, a city with a tower unto heaven; their goal to make a name.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the whole earth was of one language, and one speech.

<sup>2</sup>They found a plain in the land of Shinar as they journeyed east; there they dwelt.

<sup>3</sup>They said to each other, "Let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly."

So they had bricks for stone and slime for mortar.

<sup>4</sup>And they said, "Come let us build ourselves a city and a tower whose top reaches the heavens."

They feared that they would be scattered, and divided across the face of all the earth.

*@One people and one vision, but not one with God;*

*one magnificent building, foundation great and strong,*

*of very wide dimensions, to extend up high so long.*

*One people of one vision, one people of one mind; precise in coordination, they must have thought alike.*

<sup>5</sup>One people of one language made God come down to see, the city and the tower, which man began to build.

*@What caught God's attention?*

*What brought Him to this spot?*

*A people that is united is a people none can stop!*

<sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "All the people have one language, the people all are one; now they begin to do this thing,

and whatever they purpose to do will be done. *@For one people of one language, who agree and speak the same,*

*what they start will be accomplished; nothing imagined can be restrained!*

<sup>7</sup>"Come let Us go down and confuse their language, that they may not understand what each other says!"

*When a people speak different languages, there will be divisions and dismay.*

<sup>8</sup>So the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

*Divisions, misunderstandings, will create unfinished works!*

They stopped building the city they were building.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore Babel was its name, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth.

And from there the Lord scattered them all over the face of the earth.

*@For they were united without purpose, though they all worked a plan;*

*from Shem, the tenth generation, God would give them one.*

<sup>10</sup>For Shem begot Arphaxad, two years after the flood.

<sup>11</sup>Shem lived five hundred years after this and begot daughters and sons.

<sup>12</sup>Arphaxad begot Salah at age thirty-five.

<sup>13</sup>After this Arphaxad lived four hundred and three years and begot sons and daughters.

<sup>14</sup>Salah begot Eber at the age of thirty years.

<sup>15</sup>He lived another four hundred and three years and had sons and daughters.

<sup>16</sup>Eber begot Peleg at age thirty-four.

<sup>17</sup>He lived another four hundred and thirty years and begot sons and daughters.

<sup>18</sup>Peleg begot Reu at the age of thirty years.

<sup>19</sup>He lived another two hundred and nine years and had sons and daughters.

<sup>20</sup>Reu begot Serug at age thirty-two.

<sup>21</sup>Reu lived another two hundred and seven years and had sons and daughters.

<sup>22</sup>Serug begot Nahor at the age of thirty years.

<sup>23</sup>He lived another two hundred years and had sons and daughters.

<sup>24</sup>Nahor begot Terah at age twenty-nine.

<sup>25</sup>He lived another one hundred and nineteen years and had sons and daughters.

<sup>26</sup>Terah lived seventy years and begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

<sup>27</sup>This is the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot.

<sup>28</sup>And Haran died before his father Terah in his native land, in Ur of the Chaldees.

<sup>29</sup>After this Abram and Nahor took wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai and Nahor's wife was Milcah. Milcah was the daughter of Haran who fathered Milcah and Iscah.

<sup>30</sup>Sarai was barren.

<sup>31</sup>And Terah took Abram, his son, and Lot his grandson, Haran's son,

and with Sarai his daughter-in-law, Abram's wife.

They set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan.

*Purpose was diverted;*

they came to Haran and there they lived; but when man is one with God, purpose is complete!

<sup>32</sup>Terah died in Haran, at the age of two hundred and five years.

*Though Canaan was where he left to be.*

*But know... when man is one with God, purpose is complete!*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. To be undivided in mission, in execution and in language, is to be unstoppable; every law of nature supports you.
2. The strength of the power of unity is to be united in the will of God for then you attract the strength and the power of the Trinity to help you.
3. Unity at all times will attract God's attention but not necessarily His affection.
4. Once there is unity touching anything concerning Jesus, He is in the midst to expedite and to establish; all other agreements concern Jesus.
5. When you are truly united only God can stop you from achieving your purpose. Author God. And He will if your motives are contrary to Him.
6. The building of Babel is a picture of the church before the foundation was laid; now that the foundation is laid Christ desires above all things that we be one in building on His foundation.
7. Every strong organization is built on the power of agreement; every lasting structure is raised on the power of agreement.
8. Begin to speak different languages and the greatest establishment disintegrates; also the best of work will be abandoned; a house divided falls.
9. Know your place, function in your place, accept leadership; give 100% at all times, and the tower you are building together will reach heaven.
10. The satisfaction of a mission is its completion; Babel had motivation but it lacked divine designation; Terah had divine designation but he lacked motivation and unity of mission.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, help me to understand what You are building so I can join my energy to Your work and not frustrate myself building my own design.
- My God and King, I declare that I would rather be considered a failure building with You, than to be a success building my own kingdom in this world, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- O Lord my God, visit my works to establish them, rather than to blow them away, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- O God of the heavens above, let the Spirit of unity on which the Tower of Babel was raised be upon the church to build Your kingdom in these last days, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Lord Jesus, let the church be one as You and the Father are one, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, let every spirit of disunity, rebellion, division and divisiveness in the body of Christ, be disbanded by the Holy

Ghost and fire, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

- Lord Jesus, help me to be united with Your will for my life so that everything You have started in my life will be completed in Your time, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**HE was blessed to be a blessing; his name was to be great.**

**He was to be a great nation, and everyone was blessed in him the same.**

**Through you, let the blessings flow, to all families of the earth;**

**Blessed are all who bless you; all who curse you are surely cursed!**

### GENESIS 12

<sup>1</sup>Now the Lord said to Abram, "Get out of your country and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you.

<sup>2</sup>I will make you a great nation; I will bless you. I will make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you; he who curses you I will curse.

*You are blessed to be a blessing; in you I will bless all the families of the earth!"*

*@Let the blessings flow, to all nations let them know,*

*he could have run, or tried to hide; he could have given excuses or lied;*

*he could have turned, he could have stayed; he could have stalled, he could have delayed.*

*But blessed to be a blessing is the man who just obeyed!*

<sup>4</sup>Abram was blessed to be a blessing as he departed from that land; as God had spoken to him, he set out; with him went his nephew Lot.

He was seventy-five years old, when he left Haran.

<sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all the persons he had acquired, and all his possessions.

So Abram came to Canaan and through the land he passed.

*The land his father had set out for, he set foot in at last.*

<sup>6</sup>They came to the place of Shechem, as far as Moreh, to the terebinth tree.

And the Canaanites were in the land.

<sup>7</sup>And to Abram the Lord appeared, and He said, "I will give this land to your descendants, for your descendants it is being prepared!"

And Abram built an altar there to the Lord who spoke to him.

<sup>8</sup>He then moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and pitched his tent;

Bethel was on the west, Ai was on the east; there he built an altar, and called on the name of the Lord he journeyed with.

*@Blessed to be a blessing: Abram believed and he obeyed,*

*and also walked the land, so great was this*

*man's faith!*

<sup>9</sup>So Abram journeyed going South, walking through the land.

<sup>10</sup>There was a severe famine in the land, so Abram went down to Egypt to dwell.

<sup>11</sup>When he was close to Egypt, he said to Sarai, his wife,

"Indeed you are a beautiful woman, lovely to the eyes.

<sup>12</sup>"The Egyptians will say you are my wife and kill me, but you they will save.

<sup>13</sup>Tell them you are my sister, so it may be well with me for your sake!"

*@Say to all you are my sister, though you are the apple of my eye;*

*let them think you are a virgin, though you are a lover and a wife!*

"Say you are my sister, that my soul may live because of you!"

<sup>14</sup>So when Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw the woman and they knew; she was a treasure to look upon.

<sup>15</sup>Pharaoh's princes saw her too.

They commended her to Pharaoh, and she was taken to his house.

<sup>16</sup>He was generous to Abram because of her. He received oxen, camels, donkeys, sheep and servants, male and female both.

*@But purpose is protected, for God would see Sarai out!*

*Blessed to be a blessing, cursed are all who curse your name.*

<sup>17</sup>Pharaoh was to know this when he saw his house was plagued.

He was plagued with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.

<sup>18</sup>So Pharaoh called Abram and said, "Don't you care about my life? What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me she is your wife?"

<sup>19</sup>"Why did you say, 'She is my sister'? I might have taken her as my wife.

Now here is your wife; take her and go your way!"

<sup>20</sup>And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him, and they sent him away, with his wife and all he had.

*@Even so God would deliver Abram's descendants in time to come; they would be hastened out by a Pharaoh, with similar dread after 400 years of bonds! Let the blessings flow, to all nations let them know!*

*He could have run, or tried to hide; he could have given excuses or lied;*

*he could have turned, or delayed, he could have stalled, he could have stayed, but blessed to be a blessing is the man who just obeyed!*

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *It is for you so it can be through you. Rivers cannot be contained, they must flow.*

2. *If it is for you it dies with you; if it is through you it perpetuates.*
3. *God is a reservoir; He is seeking tributaries, not reservoirs.*
4. *The blessing of Abraham is yours by faith in Christ; so are the responsibilities of the blessing.*
5. *You have benefited because someone has received and passed it on; do not let it stop with you.*
6. *If you can't exhaust it, why try to contain it?*
7. *Obedience does not hesitate; obedience does not debate; obedience is not half-hearted or partial. Delayed, deferred or spirited obedience is the spirit of disobedience.*
8. *Never subject your wife to your test, be her covering instead of using her for your cloak.*
9. *You create your own trials when you decide your own solutions. You will suffer from self-inflicted wounds if you deploy deception and manipulation.*
10. *God is faithful to deliver you from your own furnace to preserve His purpose in your life; let His promises be your assurance.*
11. *Heaven's humor is very profound to earth. God plagued Pharaoh and his house to deliver the wife of Abraham after they went to Egypt to escape a famine. This is a humorous role play for a great but similar deliverance generations later.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- King of Glory, help me to see my life through Your eyes, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Father, help me to understand the purpose of every person you have placed into my life, and for every blessing, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord, let the blessings of Abraham that I received in Christ find no resistance in me as it expresses its mandate to the families of the earth, in Jesus' name; instead let it find gifting and abilities in me that it can put to use for its designated purpose. Amen.
- Every spirit of resistance or hesitation in my life to the voice of the Lord, the word of the Lord or the will of the Lord, be dispelled by fire, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord, help me to place complete confidence in Your promises to me, and not in my own craftiness, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, thank You for Your angels assigned to deliver me, my family and my wealth, from every Pharaoh assigned by the kingdom of darkness, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Righteous Lord, I thank You that You have Your hand on my life to prosper, protect and preserve my purpose, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**MY all for peace, no call for strife,  
you take the left, I will take the right.  
Wherever I am placed, I am blessed, I will thrive;  
Brethren should never ever divide!**

GENESIS 13

<sup>1</sup>So Abram left Egypt with his wife Sarai and Lot and journeyed South.

<sup>2</sup>Abram was rich in livestock, in silver and in gold.

<sup>3</sup>And he journeyed from the South as far as Bethel,



to the place his tent had been between Bethel and Ai,  
 4to the place of the altar he had made there at first.

And there Abram called on the name of the Lord.

5And Lot also had tents and flocks and herds. *He too was blessed because of Abram.*

6As Abram grew, Lot's substance grew; the land was too small, could not support the two.

Their possessions were so great, they could not dwell together.

*For the blessing of God makes rich.*

7The herdsmen of Abram's livestock and of Lot's argued, their way was to fight, *accept no wrong, always must be right;* the livestock of both Abram and Lot needed to be fed.

In the land, the Canaanite and Perizzite dwelt.

*@My all for peace, no call for strife.*

*You take the left, I will take the right.*

8So Abram said to Lot, "Please, let there be no strife between you and me and our herdsmen, we are brethren.

9"Separate from me; see, the entire land is ahead,

if you take the right, I will take the left; or if you take the left, I will take the right."

10Where grass is green, and watered plains, like the garden of Eden, cool and full of rain. It was just as the garden of the Lord, before Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed. Just as the land of Egypt toward Zoar, very choice.

11So Lot chose all the plain of Jordan; it caught his eye.

Lot journeyed east to dwell in the land he desired,

and so from each other they parted.

12Abram dwelt in Canaan, while Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain, and as far as Sodom he pitched his tent.

13Where the men were wicked; sinful against the Lord exceedingly.

*@Lot was drawn by lust and vanity, but Abram held on to God's promises.*

*The blessings preserve and not the place; Abram was led by the Spirit and by his faith.*

14After Lot was gone from Abram, to Abram the Lord appeared and said, "Lift up your eyes; look north and south, and east and west.

15All the land you see, I give to you and your descendants forever to possess.

16I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth.

So if a man can count the dust of the earth, only then could your descendants also be numbered.

17"Arise and walk this land through.

Walk through the length and width, for I give it to you."

18And Abram moved his tent and went and

dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron;

and he built an altar there to the Lord.

*@Are you for peace? Are you for life?*

*Will you hold to the promises of God rather than to sight?*

*As much as you are able, maintain unity; knowing God alone gives true prosperity!*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *If you walk with wise men you will be wise, if you journey with the blessed you will be blessed, if you join the company of the prosperous you will be prosperous; if you are companions of fools you will be destroyed.*
2. *Never leave the church to pursue prosperity, power and pleasure; never leave Abraham's covering for Sodom.*
3. *A spirit of gratitude sets up your rise; ingratitude sets up your demise.*
4. *The substance is not as important as the Source; let this resolve every contention for wealth you encounter.*
5. *If it is for peace, it is for God, if it is for God, it is for lasting peace and prosperity.*
6. *When God calls you alone, friendly company sharing God's inheritance is a crowd; friendly contention may be divine intervention.*
7. *Never run after blessings when the blessing is with you. The blessing makes prosperous. The blessed prosper in any place because the blessing is person-specific not place-specific.*
8. *Run after the Spirit not after your sight.*
9. *God will remove people from your life who are preventing you from seeing and hearing Him. See them leave and hear Him speak.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- My Father, my God, in accordance with the instructions in Your word, help me to walk after the Spirit, not after my sight or the dictates of my flesh, in the name of Jesus.
- O Lord of hosts, fan away from me every friendly family and associates who are not called with me in my mission, in the name of Jesus; where the sentiment is too strong, bless them until they run away, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Lord God of the hearts, I thank You for everything You have done in my life, and for every person You have used to bless me, in the name of Jesus; let the blood of Jesus Christ fan away every spirit of ingratitude from my heart in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- O Prince of peace, make me a peacemaker, even at my own detriment, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, back up every tough decision I will make today for You and for Your purpose in my life, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, let every King Uzziah and every Lot in my life, who blots my vision of You, or is preventing me from hearing Your voice with clarity, be removed now by fire, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**F**ORTUNE favors the brave, but God protects the blessed, on distant battle fields, in action or at rest. He will give you tact and strategy; make the strong weak, make the strong flee.

**Horses and riders are prepared and ready, but if God is with you then you will see: Fortune favors the brave, but God gives victory!**

GENESIS 14

<sup>1</sup>In the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of nations,  
<sup>2</sup>they made war with Bera king of Sodom, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, that is, Zoar.  
<sup>3</sup>All these joined together in the Valley of Siddim, which is the Salt Sea, for war.  
<sup>4</sup>For twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled.  
<sup>5</sup>Chedorlaomer came in the fourteenth year, and the kings that were with him. They attacked and struck the Rephaim in Ashteroth, the Zuzim in Ham and also the Emims in Shaveh.  
<sup>6</sup>They also struck the Horites in Mount Seir, as far as El Paran which is by the wilderness.  
<sup>7</sup>Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat, that is Kadesh, and struck all the country of the Amalekites; they also struck the Amorites of Hazzon-Tamar; indeed they were strong.  
<sup>8</sup>And to do battle with them the king of Gomorrah, the king of Sodom, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela which is Zoar, went out as one. They joined in battle together in the Valley of Siddim.  
<sup>9</sup>They fought against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and the other three kings with him that came down; it was four kings against five.  
<sup>10</sup>The Valley of Siddim was full of slime pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled; some fell in them while to the mountains the others fled.  
*@Sodom and Gomorrah, your strength is now gone; the Valley of Siddim, full of slime pits, has trapped your fleeing sons.*  
<sup>11</sup>The mighty kings had conquered, now they plundered Sodom and Gomorrah. They took all the goods and provisions and on their way they went.  
*@But Satan knew what the kings did not; they faced the blessed when they took Lot!*  
<sup>12</sup>They also took Lot, Abram's nephew who dwelt in Sodom, with all his possessions, and went on their way.  
*Little did they know the strength that they touched that day.*  
<sup>13</sup>Then to Abram the Hebrew, one person came who had escaped, for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eschol and Aner, who were his allies then.  
<sup>14</sup>Now when Abram heard his nephew was

taken captive, Abram did not fear. He armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants, who were born under his care.  
*@He knew that purpose dictated, and purpose would direct; God's promises are eternal, so he held no fear of death!*  
 So, forward into battle, against mighty kings who won many battles against all the kings. Yes, for many they would appear to be too strong. He pursued them to Dan.  
<sup>15</sup>And Abram deployed his servants against them by night. The aggressors were now being pursued; Abram pursued them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus.  
*@Fortune favors the brave, but God protects the blessed; on distant battle fields, in action or at rest, He will give you tact and strategy, make the strong weak, make the strong flee. Horses and riders are prepared and ready, but if God is with you then you will see: fortune favors the brave, but God gives victory!*  
<sup>16</sup>Abram recovered all the goods, and also his brother Lot, as well as the women and all the people.  
<sup>17</sup>And the king of Sodom met him to get his subjects back. They met in the Valley of Shaveh, that is the King's Valley on his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him.  
<sup>18</sup>Oh, Melchizedek King of Salem, priest of God Most High; have you come to bless Abram? Have you brought him bread and wine?  
<sup>19</sup>He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, possessor of heaven and earth;  
<sup>20</sup>and blessed is the Most High God, who has delivered your enemies to you." Abram received him. He knew the man of call. He divided what he had taken, and he gave him tithes of all.  
*@For before he ministered and restored what he had saved, he ensured that God was honored and the first-fruit duly paid.*  
<sup>21</sup>Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, you keep the goods."  
<sup>22</sup>Abram rejected, "May it be clearly understood; I have raised my hand to the Lord, God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth, He is all I want and all I need, and all I value that is of worth,  
<sup>23</sup>that I will take nothing, from a thread to a shoe-latchet. Lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.' My hope is eternal, God's word has declared me blessed.

<sup>24</sup>All that I have taken is what the men already ate.  
And the portion of the men who went with me; let them take their portion: Aner, Eshcol and Mamre.”

*@God is my exceedingly great reward, and wherever I am all men shall see:  
fortune favors the brave, but God gives victory!*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *It is best to die with the righteous in self-restraint, than to be taken with the wicked in greed.*
2. *The confidence of kings is in their army tested in conquest. The confidence of Abram was in his God.*
3. *You cannot wrong love enough to end love; right love faces danger to redeem the wronged you.*
4. *Have you made a significant withdrawal on the bank of your blessing lately? The bigger the withdrawal the more the bank of your blessing expands; you fill out a slip of faith to withdraw.*
5. *Gigantic battles lead to jaw-dropping victories; the size of your battles display the size of your faith.*
6. *Righteousness has no association with wickedness, nor does it endorse the wicked in taking their money.*
7. *The tithes belong to God and therefore cannot be included in human accounting.*
8. *The principle of tithes is eternal; Abraham paid it over to an eternal being.*
9. *Discernment compels you to refuse gifts from places others are prepared to live at.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- O God my Father, give me the faith to make huge withdrawals on the bank of the blessing I received by accepting Jesus Christ. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus Christ, I go forth with the confidence to conquer in life, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.
- Father God, help me to be a good and effective minister to sinners, but help me never to endorse their actions for benefits, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power of the Holy Ghost in me and in honor of His person, I shall never be comfortable with sin, in my environment, in the people I love, in print, electronic form or in any other form, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Lord God, professor of my destiny, the power belongs to You and not to man, in the name of Jesus.
- I declare that I shall be a consistent tither, in Jesus' name.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus I refuse to short change my tithes or grapple with it in my personal accounting, in Jesus' name.

**WHEN by the Lord you are being blessed,  
And His word to you is, "Numberless!"  
Yet all you see is bareness,  
Your faith shall become your righteousness!**

### GENESIS 15

<sup>1</sup>After these things, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying,  
“Fear not Abram, I am your shield

and your exceedingly great reward.”

<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “Lord God, what will You give me since I am childless, I have no children,  
and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus, my steward?

<sup>3</sup>You have given me no offspring; behold one born in my house is my heir.”

<sup>4</sup>And the Lord said to him, “This one shall not be your heir,  
from your own loins shall come your heir!”

<sup>5</sup>Then God brought Abram outside and said,  
“Look now toward the sky.

Come, count the stars that shine on high.

*Numberless, won't you agree?*

Even so, shall your descendants be;  
*numberless!*

Can you number them? Now tell me.

Even so, shall your descendants be;  
*numberless!*”

*@Numberless! “Lord, I believe the words that You now speak to me.”*

*Righteousness just to believe, the Lord who promises and fulfils.*

<sup>6</sup>Abram believed what the Lord said,  
and it was accredited to him for righteousness;  
*numberless!*

*@“I am your shield and your reward;  
exceedingly great, fear not Abram.”*

<sup>7</sup>Then the Lord said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldees,  
to give you this land to plant you here!”

<sup>8</sup>But Abram said, “Lord, how shall I know that I will inherit it at all?”

<sup>9</sup>So the Lord said to him, “Bring Me a heifer, a female goat and a ram,  
all of them three years old;  
bring Me also a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”

<sup>10</sup>He brought all these to Him, and except for the birds, he cut them down the middle in halves.

<sup>11</sup>When the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them off.

<sup>12</sup>Now when the sun was going down, Abram fell into a deep sleep;  
and horror and great darkness came upon him.

<sup>13</sup>Then God said to Abram, “For a certain, this you must know,  
into a foreign land your descendants shall go.  
Into a land that is not theirs,  
there they will serve with affliction for four hundred years.

<sup>14</sup>“And I will judge that nation they serve with a strong hand,  
then I will bring them out, with great possessions.

<sup>15</sup>“As for you, you shall surely die in peace;  
you shall be buried at a good old age.

<sup>16</sup>But in the fourth generation, they shall return to this land;  
for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.”

<sup>17</sup>And it was, when the sun went down and it

was dark, Abram noticed a smoking furnace and a burning torch. Between the pieces they passed.

<sup>18</sup>On the same day, the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, from the River of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates as one.

*You have My word, My covenant. Numberless!*

<sup>19</sup>All the Kenites must go; the Kenizzites and the Kadmonites too.

*Numberless!*

<sup>20</sup>"All the Perizzites must go; the Hittites, and Rephaim shall make way for you.

*Numberless!*

<sup>21</sup>The Amorites, the Canaanites, the Jebusites and the Girgashites must go; all this land I give to you."

*@Numberless!*

*"I am your shield and your reward; exceedingly great, fear not Abram; numberless!"*

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *Yours by promise; yours by association; the stars may seem distant but you can bring the promise close by believing.*
2. *Will you allow God to blow your mind? Find an association for what you are believing for and hold it.*
3. *If it is nonsensical to attempt to count the stars; it is nonsensical to attempt to put a cap on God's ability to bless you.*
4. *Do not let the spiritual vultures steal your moment with God.*
5. *It is for you but it may not be for your time, receive it, nurture it, steward it, pass it on.*
6. *If you knew what you or your descendants have to go through to get it, you may pull back, so heaven pulls back and reveals it progressively.*
7. *It is promised does not mean it is packaged; you may have to struggle and fight to get there, and you may fight when you get there to possess it.*
8. *It is yours by covenant but the violent take it by persistence, determination and force.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- O Lord God of Abraham, do something, or say something, to blow my mind today, in the name of Jesus.
- Father, show me a picture today of the breadth of Your love for me, the expanse of Your thoughts on me, and the scope of Your plans for me, in the name of Jesus.
- I fan away with the blood of Jesus and the fire of the Holy Ghost, every Satanic bird assigned to abort my moment with God, in Jesus name.
- Father God, help me to never be misguided in believing that it is packaged because it is promised; I arm myself with the mindset to fight the good fight of faith, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- O Lord my God, You are the beginning and the

end, I receive, accept and commit to steward all Your promises to me, for my time, and for generations to come, in the name of Jesus Christ.

- Father God, give me the nations for an inheritance; I am willing to fight to dispossess the enemy and establish Your kingdom in the earth, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**WHO promised it? God made it; Always on time, no never late!**  
**Who promised it? God made it; He fulfils His promises, so... Why don't you wait?**

GENESIS 16

<sup>1</sup>Sarai bore Abram no children, but she had an Egyptian maidservant; Hagar was her name.

<sup>2</sup>So Sarai said to Abram, "The Lord has restrained me from bearing children, please go in to my maidservant Hagar, that I may obtain children by her."

And Abram conceded to Sarai's request.

<sup>3</sup>Then Sarai, Abram's wife took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

This was after Abram had lived ten years in Canaan.

*@Who promised it, Abram? Say, Sarai why not wait?*

*There is conflict in impatience, but assuring victories in faith.*

<sup>4</sup>And Abram went in to Hagar, and she conceived.

And when she saw she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes; Sarai was wrong to have believed.

<sup>5</sup>Then Sarai said to Abram, "My wrong be upon you!

I have given my maid into your embrace; now she has conceived and see, I am despised in her eyes.

The Lord judge between us both."

<sup>6</sup>So Abram said to Sarai, "Your maid is in your hand; as it pleases you, do to her."

*@When one is exalted, they should walk in humility,*

*or in the face of wrath, as with Hagar, they may be made to flee.*

And Sarai treated Hagar harshly, so she ran away from her presence.

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord found her by a water fountain in the wilderness; it was on the way of Shur.

<sup>8</sup>And he said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where will you go?" She said, "I am fleeing from the presence of Sarai my mistress."

<sup>9</sup>And the angel said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand.

<sup>10</sup>I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, that they will not be counted for multitude."

*There are great blessings awaiting you, but*

*submission is the key.*

<sup>11</sup>The angel said to her, "You are with child, and you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, for the Lord has heard your affliction.

<sup>12</sup>He shall be a wild man; his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand shall be against him as well. In the presence of all his brethren he shall dwell."

*Who promised it? God made it; indeed I believe.*

<sup>13</sup>Then Hagar called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, God Who Sees Me, for she said, "Have I also here seen Him who sees me?"

<sup>14</sup>Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it is between Kadesh and Bered.

*@When I am down and out, when situations make me flee;*

*it helps to know Your name, O Lord, is "God Who Sees Me!"*

*When I think I am alone and no one cares, or when I am in need,*

*I will lift my voice and cry to You, "God Who Sees Me!"*

<sup>15</sup>So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram called the name of his son Ishmael.

<sup>16</sup>Abram was one with God; he was eighty-six when Ishmael came.

*@He knew that God ordained it; he knew Ishmael was the name.*

*He knew by all the events, that God is never late; Ishmael would not succeed him; he would just have to wait!*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Fear moves us from hearing God to trying to help God, our way.
2. The formula for helping God; one, stop believing Him; two, disregard His faithfulness; three, reject His timing; four, question His knowledge; and five, challenge His sovereignty.
3. Your perfect plan outside of God is perfectly wrong; your headstrong will lead to your headaches.
4. It is not right to put your wrong upon someone else, unless He is Jesus.
5. Do not mistake a door for the entire house; do not get out of place. Know your place or you will go find your place, when you are put out the door.
6. Humility rise contrasts the descent of pride.
7. Never despise authority or it will resist you.
8. Never assume a place you are not given, continue to position yourself for promotion.
9. Never be a success fail, where the pride of your success causes you to fail.
10. Your promise of future greatness is in your present submission. Authority will not shift for you, align yourself.
11. God sees you even when you are wrong; He will visit you even when you are running.
12. God meets you where you are to lead you to where He is.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Almighty God, Your wisdom and ways are beyond comprehension or dispute, I commit myself to accept Your plan for my life and Your timing, in

the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

- Father God, let me never lower my vision of You, my appreciation of Your ability, or doubt Your motive of perfect love, by thinking I can do it better, in the name of Jesus.
- I refuse to accept the devil's trick of a divinity bypass in any area of my life, in the name of Jesus. Your knowledge remains perfect, O Lord. Amen.
- Lord, give me an attitude of humility to guide my promotion in life, so I will not have to experience success fail after the order of Hagar, in the name of Jesus.
- Jesus, thank You for accepting my wrong upon You, even when I mess up so many times, in Your holy name. Amen.
- Father, thank You for grace that visits me in my mess; thank You for love that brings me back to the right path; thank You for promise that watches over my destiny to fulfillment, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord, thank You for perfecting all my concerns, even as You reached out to Hagar for Abraham's sake. Amen.

**A FATHER of many nations you are to be;**  
**An everlasting covenant I make with you.**  
**No longer Abram, your name shall be Abraham!**

### GENESIS 17

<sup>1</sup>Abram was ninety-nine years old, when to him the Lord appeared.

He said to him, "I am Almighty God. Walk before Me, with your heart prepared; be blameless.

<sup>2</sup>"I will make My covenant between you and Me;

and I will multiply you exceedingly!"

<sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him,

<sup>4</sup>"As for Me, My covenant is with you, Abram,

you shall be a father of many nations.

<sup>5</sup>Your name shall no longer be Abram, but Abraham,

for I have made you a father of many nations.

<sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful;

I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

<sup>7</sup>I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations.

It shall be for them, an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you forever.

<sup>8</sup>The land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan,

I give to you and your descendants for an everlasting possession, Abraham;

and I will be their God."

<sup>9</sup>And God said to Abraham: "As for you: you shall keep My covenant,

you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.

<sup>10</sup>This is My covenant you shall keep, between

Me and you and your descendants:  
every male child among you shall be  
circumcised;

<sup>11</sup>and you shall be circumcised, in the flesh of  
your foreskins;  
it shall be the sign of this covenant between  
Me and you.

<sup>12</sup>Every male, eight days old among you shall  
be circumcised.  
He who is born in your house or bought with  
a price,  
from any stranger who is not your  
descendant.

<sup>13</sup>He who is born in your house and he who is  
bought with money must be circumcised;  
and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an  
everlasting covenant.

<sup>14</sup>The male child among you who is not  
circumcised, shall be cut off from his people;  
he has broken My covenant, Abraham!"

<sup>15</sup>Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai  
your wife, you shall no longer call her Sarai,  
but Sarah shall her name be.

<sup>16</sup>And I will bless her and by her I will give you  
a son;  
then I will bless her, a mother of nations she  
shall become,

from her, kings of people shall surely come."

<sup>17</sup>Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed,  
and he said in his heart,  
"To a man who is one hundred year old shall a  
child now be born?  
And shall Sarah who is ninety years old, give  
birth to a son?"

<sup>18</sup>And Abraham said to God, "Oh, that  
Ishmael might live before You!"

<sup>19</sup>Then God said, "No, Sarah your wife shall  
bear you a son,  
and you shall call his name Isaac;  
I will establish My covenant with him for an  
everlasting covenant and with his descendants  
after him."

@*"Oh, that Ishmael may live!" "No, Sarah shall  
bear a son!"*

*"Oh, that Ishmael may live!" "No Isaac shall  
surely come!"*

<sup>20</sup>"But I have heard you on Ishmael; I have  
blessed him indeed;  
I will make him fruitful and multiply him  
exceedingly.

I will make him a great nation; from him shall  
twelve princes be.

<sup>21</sup>But My covenant is with Isaac, Abraham!  
"I will establish My covenant with Isaac whom  
Sarah shall bear;  
he shall come from her womb at this set time  
next year."

<sup>22</sup>Then God finished talking with Abraham,  
and God went up from him.

<sup>23</sup>So Abraham took Ishmael his son with every  
male born in his house,  
and every male he had purchased with  
money,  
and circumcised the flesh of their foreskins

that very same day, as God had said to him.

<sup>24</sup>Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he  
was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

<sup>25</sup>Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when  
he was circumcised.

<sup>26</sup>Abraham was circumcised on that same day  
and his son Ishmael;

<sup>27</sup>and all the men of his house, born in his  
house or bought with money from a foreigner,  
were circumcised that day with him.

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *The content of your life determines the extent, impact and longevity of your life; you may choose to live for you for the present, or package yourself in God and be His present to generations.*
2. *Everything in life is in God's sight, but walking before God is a choice. Your heart dictates your path and your walk.*
3. *The formula for favor is: a careful walk, a prepared heart and perfect obedience which is righteousness.*
4. *God changes your name to change your game; and to ensure there are no exceptions, He calls us all by His name.*
5. *Promise a child anything important and they laugh and boast about it until you get so embarrassed you fulfil it; the greatest demonstration of faith is to receive the promises of God with laughter.*
6. *Did Abraham ridicule the ridiculous, while giving God Ishmael as an option, or did he receive the ridiculous with laughter reflecting on the mystery, then closing all the options? What we know is that he believed God and it was credited to him for righteousness.*
7. *Fear is the only real opposition of faith. An expression of fear will create lifetime opposition for your establishment of faith.*
8. *Abraham's simple request for Ishmael (his fear) to live, created an opposition for His seed for all generations. Today the Muslims are still a looming and active threat to the peace of Israel.*
9. *The covenant of Abraham can only be stewarded by the heart of Abraham, or rather the heart of Christ; circumcision is still relevant, not of foreskin but of heart.*
10. *Delayed obedience is disobedience. The only acceptable timing for obedience is the earliest possible time.*
11. *The greater the pain(sacrifice) the higher the game; it demonstrates faith without restraint.*
12. *You cannot question the laugh if you cannot question the walk. To truly believe God, put your faith to test in a place where sharpened rocks, no sedatives and unprofessional hands have to perform surgery...and to do it now, today!*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- O God my Father, I commit myself daily to prepare my heart to love You, to serve You and to walk before You in my pursuit of righteousness, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Father, help me to receive with laughter, all the promises You have made to me in Your word, just as a child, knowing You are faithful and You will never lie to me. Amen. Give me the joy that ever lasts that comes with knowing You. Amen.
- Lord God of Abraham, I want to embarrass You

with my faith so You may embarrass me with Your faithfulness. Amen.

- By the power in the blood of Jesus Christ, I clothe myself with the faith of Abraham to receive the promises of Abraham; so I may laugh it to past and obey with immediacy, even through pain. Amen.
- Lord God, help me not to cancel any of Your promises to me by expressions of doubt, or set up opposition to these promises by expressions of fear, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**T**O you will the secrets of God be revealed:

**If you care for His presence and there desire to be;**

**If you will prepare Him a table, full of delicacies;**

**If you will embrace His promises and your destiny;**

**If you will instruct your children and your household after you consistently;**

**If you will stand in the gap and you will intercede;**

**If when I show to you great things, you will believe.**

**If you know there is nothing that is too hard for Me, then to you will the secrets of God be revealed!**

GENESIS 18

<sup>1</sup>The Lord appeared to Abraham there in the plains of Mamre, as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day.

<sup>2</sup>Abraham looked up, and there three men stood;

he ran from the tent door to meet them, and in their presence he bowed.

<sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I have found favor in your sight, please do not pass by your servant.

<sup>4</sup>Let me bring some water to wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

<sup>5</sup>"And I will bring a loaf of bread, that you may comfort your hearts, after that you may go, for you have come to your servant."

They said, "Do as you have said."

<sup>6</sup>So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make cakes with three measures of fine meal."

<sup>7</sup>Then Abraham ran to the herd for a calf, tender and good to eat;

and he gave it to a young man, and he hastily prepared it.

<sup>8</sup>And he set the meal before them, with butter and milk; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

<sup>9</sup>Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?"

He said, "Here, in the tent." *"Yes, he had prepared them a meal;*

*now to him were the secrets of God to be revealed!*

<sup>10</sup>And He said, "I will surely return, according to this time of your life;

and behold, you shall have a son of Sarah your wife!"

Now Sarah heard it from the tent door behind him there.

<sup>11</sup>Abraham and Sarah were very old, and Sarah had long past the childbearing age.

<sup>12</sup>So when Sarah heard it, she laughed within herself, for she said,

"Shall I have pleasure after I have grown old, my lord also being old as well?"

<sup>13</sup>Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh?"

Saying, "Shall I surely bear a child, now that I am old and my time is well past?"

*@To you will the secrets of God be revealed.*

*What He says He will perform, if you will just believe!*

*Do not consider your circumstances, He fulfils His word.*

<sup>14</sup>He said, "Is there anything that is too hard for the Lord?"

At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

<sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh!" for she was afraid.

And He said, "No, but you did laugh." There was no mistake.

<sup>16</sup>The men then rose up from there and looked towards Sodom that day.

And Abraham went with them to conduct them on their way.

*@There was a thirst for this Presence, in it he wanted to stay;*

*in the place of God's secrets, in the secret place!*

*Pursuit of the Presence, where deep calls to deep is the place where the secrets of God are revealed!*

*Pursuit of the Presence may spark a debate.*

<sup>17</sup>And the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing,

<sup>18</sup>since Abraham is destined to be great? He shall surely become a nation, mighty and great,

and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him.

<sup>19</sup>"For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him,

that they keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment,

so that what the Lord has spoken of to Abraham, He may bring to him!"

<sup>20</sup>And the Lord revealed His secret to Abraham then.

He said, "Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is very great,

and their sin is very grievous and grave,

<sup>21</sup>I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it which has come up to Me;

if not I will know at that time."

*@What do you do when judgement is revealed? The heart of the righteous is to intercede!*

<sup>22</sup>The men turned their faces, and towards

Sodom they went.

*But Abraham would not allow them; he stood before the Lord then.*

<sup>23</sup>And Abraham came near to the Lord and said to Him,

“Will You also destroy the righteous with the wicked?”

<sup>24</sup>What if there were fifty righteous in the city, will You also destroy the place and not spare it for their sake?

<sup>25</sup>Let this be a distant thought, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so the righteous should be as the wicked; let this be distant from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

<sup>26</sup>So the Lord said, “The righteous and the wicked, I will separate; if I find fifty righteous in Sodom, I will spare the entire place.”

<sup>27</sup>Abraham persisted, saying, “I, who am but dust and ashes, have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord.

<sup>28</sup>What if there were five less than fifty? Would You destroy the city for a lack of five?” So He said, “If I find forty-five righteous, I will not destroy.”

*In ardent intercession, he spoke again and again:*

<sup>29</sup>“What of forty,

<sup>30</sup>and of thirty,

<sup>31</sup>and of twenty,

<sup>32</sup>and of ten?”

Let not the Lord be angry,” he said as he spoke,

“I have taken it on me to speak; *I am pressed in my soul!*”

The Lord said, “I will not destroy for the sake of ten.”

<sup>33</sup>And as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham, the Lord went His way; and Abraham returned to his place.

*@To you will the secrets of God be revealed:*

*If you care for His presence, there you desire to be;*

*If you will prepare Him a table, full of delicacies;*

*If you will embrace His promises and your destiny;*

*If you will command your children and your household after you consistently;*

*If you will stand in the gap and you will intercede;*

*If when I show to you great things, you will believe.*

*And if you know there is nothing that is too hard for Me,*

*then to you will the secrets of God be revealed!*

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. A generous spirit attracts a generous response and sets you up for supernatural experiences.
2. None is excluded; it is time you fully settle this question in your heart: is there anything too hard for the Lord?
3. Always laugh with the promises of God, never laugh at God's promises; you may not, but heaven knows the difference.
4. God can be reached by ardent pursuit.
5. The secrets of God are many, but they can be unlocked by passionate pursuit of His person

*and His presence.*

6. God will bring you into His conversation if He can trust you with the revelations.

7. If He lays it on your heart, pray about it; if He reveals it to you it is yours; He gives it to you for you to do something with it or about it.

8. Heaven can be reached by intercession.

9. Never be so caught up with your own contentment that you neglect your loved ones heading for their fiery judgment.

**PRAYER POINTS**

- O God my Father, make me a candidate for the revelation of Your secrets today. Amen.
- Lord God of my father Abraham, I pursue You with my offering, with my worship, and with spending time in Your presence daily. Amen.
- Father, by the power of the Holy Ghost who lives in me, help me never to ridicule any of Your promises to me by doubting in my heart, or by failing to take You up on them, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Lord God, make me an intercessor. Help me never to be so content with my own salvation, that I do not constantly speak to, and up for my loved ones living in sin and destined for fiery judgment, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Father God, give me a heart for the nations, and let me start with my household. Amen.

**I SEE blind men searching, they are not satisfied;**

**Blind but still searching, the flesh to gratify.**

**When struck with blindness, most men would then flee;**

**I guess they were blind, for their hearts refused to see!**

GENESIS 19

<sup>1</sup>The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, as Lot sat in Sodom's gate; when Lot saw them, he rose up to meet them, and to the ground he bowed his face.

<sup>2</sup>He said, “Behold my lords, please turn in to your servant's house, spend the night and wash your feet, and you shall rise early and go out.”

They said, “No, but in the open square we will spend the night!”

<sup>3</sup>But he insisted greatly; *he would not leave the two behind,*

so they conceded to him, and entered his house, and he made them a meal.

He baked unleavened bread and gave to them to eat; and they ate.

*@The men of the city were blind, but it was very clear;*

*they saw the men enter the city and heard Lot plead with them there.*

*They saw them as they passed through the door of Lot's house.*

*They knew that they had eaten, and they did not go out.*

*The news made the headlines; the news clearly spread!*

<sup>4</sup>They came from every quarter before the men



went to bed.

All the men of the city, both young and old surrounded the house.

<sup>5</sup>They called to Lot, and said, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? We must know them carnally; send them out!"

<sup>6</sup>Lot went out the door to them, shutting the door after him.

<sup>7</sup>He said, "I beg you my brethren, do not do this wicked thing!

<sup>8</sup>Behold I have two daughters who have not known a man,

please let me bring them to you; what you desire to do to them, this you may do, only do nothing to these men, since they came under the shadow of my roof."

*But blinded hearts would not hear it; blindness blocks reasoning and truth!*

<sup>9</sup>They said, "Stand back!"

Then they said, "This fellow is a stranger; now he is acting as a judge;

now we will do worse to you than with them!"

So they pushed hard against Lot and came near to breaking the door in.

<sup>10</sup>But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house, shutting the door after him.

<sup>11</sup>And they struck the men at the door with blindness, everyone both great and small. They wearied themselves trying to find the door; *blind indeed, nothing changed at all!*

*<sup>a</sup>I see blind men searching; they are not satisfied.*

*Blind but still searching, the flesh to gratify.*

*When struck with blindness, most men would then flee;*

*I guess they were blind, for they refused to see!*

<sup>12</sup>I see they were urgent, to Lot the men said, "Take your wife and daughters; get them out of this place!

Have you any other, son-in-law and sons here?"

*This matter is urgent; there is no time to spare.*

<sup>13</sup>For the outcry against this city, has grown great before the Lord,

He has sent us to destroy it; we will destroy this place!"

<sup>14</sup>So Lot spoke to his sons-in-law, his daughters' husbands and said,

"Come, get out of this city, for the Lord will destroy this place!"

But to his sons-in-law, he was considered a joker.

*Hearts held in blindness, cannot see the saving grace.*

<sup>15</sup>When the morning dawned, the angel hastened Lot, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters, lest you be consumed in the punishment of this city."

<sup>16</sup>While he still lingered, the men took hold of his hand, the hands of his wife, and of his daughters, the Lord being merciful to him, brought him out and set him outside the city.

<sup>17</sup>So it was, when they were outside, he said, "Escape for your life!

Do not stay in the plain lest you be destroyed; go to the mountain, do not look behind!"

<sup>18</sup>Lot pleaded with them, "Let it not be so, my lords!

<sup>19</sup>Your servant has found grace in your sight, and you have increased your mercy shown to me by saving my life, but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest some evil overtake me and I die.

<sup>20</sup>Now, there is a little city that is near; it is a little one, so that my soul may live, let me escape there!"

<sup>21</sup>The Lord granted his request, saying, "See, I have favored you in this thing, I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken.

<sup>22</sup>Hurry, escape there, for I can do nothing until you arrive."

Therefore the city was called Zoar.

<sup>23</sup>Lot entered Zoar at sunrise.

<sup>24</sup>The Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah from out of the heavens.

<sup>25</sup>So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants and plants as well.

<sup>26</sup>But Lot's wife looked back from behind Lot, and she became a pillar of salt.

*No looking back when God delivers; look only to the Lord!*

<sup>27</sup>And Abraham got up and went early in the morning to the place where he stood before the Lord.

<sup>28</sup>Then he looked towards Sodom and Gomorrah and towards the land of the plain. He saw the smoke of the country going up, like the smoke of a furnace.

*The plain of beauty that was well watered was in ashes and smoke; beautiful no more.*

<sup>29</sup>So it was, that when God destroyed the cities of the plain, God remembered Abraham; *because he interceded;*

and so God delivered Lot when He overthrew the cities in which he dwelt.

<sup>30</sup>And Lot left for the mountains with his two daughters, for he was afraid to live in Zoar.

And he and his two daughters lived in a cave there.

<sup>31</sup>Now the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old,

and there is no man to come in to us after the custom of all the earth.

<sup>32</sup>"Come, let us make our father drunken with wine, and with him we will lie that we may preserve the lineage of our father; you go in tomorrow, I will go in tonight!"

<sup>33</sup>So they made their father drink wine that night.

Lot was made drunk by wine *and senselessly blind.*

And the firstborn went in and slept with her father, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

<sup>34</sup>On the next day the firstborn said to the younger, "I lay with my father last night, let us make him drink wine tonight, it is your time to go."

<sup>35</sup>They made Lot drink wine that night also, the younger went in and lay with him and he never knew it.

<sup>36</sup>Therefore both daughters of Lot were with child by their father.

<sup>37</sup>The firstborn gave birth to a son and called his name Moab; he is the father of the Moabites.

<sup>38</sup>The younger bore a son and called his name Ben-Ammi; he is the father of the children of Ammon.

*Lot's descendants, of daughters made pregnant by him, in his moment's blindness.*

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *Never take hospitality or ministry casually; you save yourself saving others.*
2. *Love is practical; minister as if you are ministering to Jesus, for indeed you are, every time you defend someone or extend yourself to and for them.*
3. *Groping for sin, groping in sin, how blind must a people get before they recognize they are groping?*
4. *There is just one end for a people who reject knowledge, (the Word of God, the divine presence with us, His salvation); destruction.*
5. *You are at the heart of judgment when you receive a visit from God with carnal casual indifference.*
6. *Every action attracts a reaction from heaven; there is supernatural opposition for negative actions; and angelic reinforcements for positive actions.*
7. *If you make your bed with sinners, you will be judged with sinners and as sinners.*
8. *Hesitating at the border of your salvation is suicide, remove yourself quickly from the valley of indecision.*
9. *It is best to have salt in you than to have salt of you. Never look back when God is moving you out; your past is not worth it.*
10. *So you think you know more than God? The easier way in your determination, is just a longer and painful route to His designation.*
11. *Save yourself the time and trouble, if God says it just do it; your wisdom is refining your skills for hearing God rather than redefining the plans of God.*
12. *Define your limits and maintain them, even in the arms of love, or you may have to raise your shame with the arms of regret.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Father God, remove every scale from my eyes and every blockage from my heart, in Jesus name. Anoint my ears to hear, my eyes to see, and my heart to understand, and give me wisdom to respond to You, in Jesus name.
- My Father my God, forgive me of all my sins, cleanse me of all unrighteousness; remove every iniquity from my heart and replace it with tenderness to the voice of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus.
- Father, help me never to look back with longing to any of the things You have delivered me from, in the name of Jesus; but let me look

forward with trust and appreciation to where you are taking me, in Jesus name.

- Father, help me never to get so comfortable with sinners that I fraternize with their sins and forget their designation, in the name of Jesus.
- Holy Spirit, let Your word settle it for me. Let first-time instructions be enough. Amen.

**LET him pray; it may save your life!  
 Let him pray; you have a man's wife!  
 God will protect His own; let all kings be warned,  
 Yet He may restrain you also from sinning against the Lord!  
 You are a dead man, though you are alive!  
 You are a dead man, though things seem alright!  
 Let him pray; it may open the womb;  
 Let him pray; there is a prophet among you!**

GENESIS 20

<sup>1</sup>And Abraham journeyed from there to the South, and he dwelt between Kadesh and Shur.

And he stayed in Gerar.

<sup>2</sup>And Abraham said of Sarah, his wife, "She is my sister."

And Abimelech king of Gerar sent for Sarah, and to his house she went; they did not refuse the king as he sent.

<sup>3</sup>But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night

and said to him, "You are a dead man; you have a man's wife!"

<sup>4</sup>But Abimelech had not had intimacy with her as yet,

and so in fear and awe, to the Lord he said, "Lord, will you slay a righteous nation also?"

<sup>5</sup>"Did he not say, 'She is my sister?'"

And she even said herself, 'He is my brother.' I have done all this in the integrity of my heart and with innocent hands."

<sup>6</sup>And God said to him in a dream, "I know you did this in the integrity of your heart,

I also kept you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her.

<sup>7</sup>"Let him pray, it may save your life!

Let him pray; restore the man's wife!

He is a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you shall live.

If you do not restore her, you shall surely die, you and all that is yours as well."

<sup>8</sup>So Abimelech rose early in the morning and called all his men;

they were very afraid when he told it to them.

<sup>9</sup>And Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, "What have you done?"

How have I offended you, that you have brought a great sin on me, and on my kingdom?

You have done deeds to me that ought not to be done."

<sup>10</sup>Then Abimelech said to Abraham, "What were you thinking of for you to do this thing?"

**11**And Abraham said, "Because I thought the fear of God was not in this place, and I feared that they would kill me for my wife's sake.

**12**And indeed she is truly my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife.

**13**"And I said to her when God caused me to wander from my father's house, 'You must show this kindness to me, in every place we go, say of me, "He is my brother.'"

**14**Then Abimelech took sheep, oxen and servants, male and female, and gave them to Abraham, and he restored Sarah his wife to him.

**15**And Abimelech said, "See, my land is before you; choose where you desire to live."

**16**Then he rebuked Sarah, saying, "I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver; indeed this clears you before all who are with you and before everyone else!"

**17**And Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife and female servants, and they bore children;

**18**for the Lord had closed the wombs of everyone in Abimelech's household because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

*@Let him pray; it may save your life.*

*Let him pray; you have a man's wife!*

*Let him pray; it may open up the womb.*

*Let him pray, or you will be a dead man real soon!*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. You know you have it together when you are over ninety years old and you give birth; you know you have it together when you are over ninety years old and you still attract the envy of young kings.
2. When God gives you beauty and valuables, never be afraid or ashamed to take full ownership.
3. God protects what He provides. It is in your hands means that it is in His hands if you remain in His hands.
4. A half truth is a full lie.
5. There is no such thing as half married, the question is, which half? (And which half do you go to bed with?)
6. Marriage is full commitment, full responsibility and full ownership. What you were before marriage is over-written by who you are now: married.
7. You want God to call you many things, but certainly not a dead man.
8. Ask the Lord to search your heart since He has the power to stop it.
9. You are a living dead if you are living outside of God's will. Act immediately.
10. A revelation of God to you, by His servants, by His word, by visions, or by dreams, should be met with fear and immediate action.
11. God is strident in defence of those who are strident in defence of His covenant.

### PRAYER POINTS

- O Lord God of hosts, I thank You for Your

protective covering over my life and over everything You have added to me, in the name of Jesus.

- Father God, I commit to remain in Your hands, knowing it is a safe place. Amen.
- Every powerful Abimelech getting envious of the blessings of God in my life, be repelled by fire, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Lord God of Heaven, help me not to be satisfied to live with Your decree of death over my life, in the name of Jesus. I apply the blood of Jesus Christ to every area of sin and trespass in my life, in Jesus' name.

**GOD has made me to laugh!  
God surely gave Sarah joy.**

**"The sound of my laughter, will make many hearts rejoice!**

**God has made me to laugh, I delivered a boy!"**

**Out with the bond, in with the free;  
God's promise to Ishmael he shall certainly see.**

**But, "God has made me to laugh;  
He has given joy to me!"**

### GENESIS 21

**1**The Lord visited Sarah as He had said, and He did for Sarah as He had spoken.

**2**For Sarah conceived and to Abraham she bore a child in his old age at the time God had shown him.

**3**And Abraham called his son Isaac, whom Sarah bore,

**4**and Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, just as God had commanded him.

**5**Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born.

**6**And Sarah said, "God has made me to laugh; He has made me glad, and all who hear will laugh with me."

**7**She also said, "Who could have told Abraham, Sarah would have given children suck?"

For in his old age I have borne him a son. God has made me to laugh!"

**8**The child grew and was weaned. Abraham made a great feast on the same day that Isaac was weaned.

**9**And Sarah saw someone mocking. It was the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she bore to Abraham.

**10**Therefore to Abraham she said, "Cast out the bondwoman and her son; for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son Isaac the free."

*God has made me to laugh, but I want total victory!*

**11**And this matter was displeasing in Abraham's sight because of his son.

**12**But God said to Abraham, "Do not let this displease you because of the boy or your bondwoman.

Whatever Sarah has spoken to you, listen to

her.  
 For in Isaac, your succession shall be.  
*Do not let this thing make you grieve; your seed is in Isaac; to him the promise belongs.*  
<sup>13</sup>Yet I will also make a nation of Ishmael because he is your son.”  
<sup>14</sup>Some bread and some water, and early morning the next day Abraham gave these and the boy to Hagar, and sent her away. Away she departed, into the wilderness she went.  
 She wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba until the water was completely spent.  
<sup>15</sup>The water in the skin was used up and she laid Ishmael under a shrub and sat a good distance from him at that time.  
<sup>16</sup>She went about a bowshot in distance for she said, “I cannot bear to sit and to watch him die!”  
 She sat opposite him and in desperation she lifted up her voice and wept,  
*but the God who keeps promises never forgets.*  
<sup>17</sup>And God heard the voice of the young man. “What troubles you Hagar?” It was the voice of an angel of God.  
 Do not fear for God has heard the voice of the lad.  
<sup>18</sup>“Arise, lift up Ishmael; hold him up in your hand,  
 for I will make him a great nation, yes, he shall be strong!”  
*@Arise lift yourself up, if you have His promises stand.*  
*A nation: death could not steal the young man’s destiny!*  
<sup>19</sup>*Provision:* God opened her eyes, and she could see a well!  
 She filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.  
<sup>20</sup>*Protection:* God was with the boy; he grew and became an archer.  
<sup>21</sup>In the Wilderness of Paran he dwelt.  
*The Promise:* his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.  
<sup>22</sup>And Abimelech, and Phicol the chief captain of his army spoke to Abraham and said,  
 “God is with you in all that you do;  
<sup>23</sup>”now therefore swear by your God that you will not deal deceitfully with me, with my sons, or with my posterity;  
 but that according to the kindness I have done to you, you will do to me and to the land in which you have dwelt.”  
<sup>24</sup>And Abraham said, “I will swear!”  
<sup>25</sup>Then Abraham rebuked Abimelech there, because of a well of water which his servants had violently taken away.  
<sup>26</sup>And Abimelech said, “I do not know who did this; you did not tell me; nor have I heard of it before this day and this moment.”  
<sup>27</sup>So Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them to Abimelech,

and Abimelech received them, and the two of them made a covenant then.

<sup>28</sup>And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flocks by themselves.  
<sup>29</sup>Then Abimelech asked Abraham, “What do you mean by these?”  
<sup>30</sup>And he said, “You will take these seven lambs of my hand,  
 that they may be my witness that I dug this well.”  
<sup>31</sup>Therefore he called the place Beersheba, because there they both swore an oath.  
<sup>32</sup>They made a covenant at Beersheba. Then Abimelech and Phicol his chief captain arose, and they returned to the land of the Philistines.  
<sup>33</sup>And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the Lord, the Everlasting God.  
<sup>34</sup>And Abraham dwelt in the land of the Philistines for many days.

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *In the midst of your Mara days focus on your laughter, Isaac is on his way.*
2. *Do not wait until Isaac is born to begin laughing, let the springs of laughter come forth because God has promised and you consider Him faithful.*
3. *It may be painful, but be prepared to remove every competition to the promises of God in your life; if it does not fit, let it exit.*
4. *Your holding on and protecting may be holding down and preventing; God is in control of every person’s individual destiny, not you.*
5. *Do not be so caught up with your dear problems, that you cannot see the solution in plain sight and within your reach.*
6. *Your divine intervention may just be a defined provision; in every situation there is a way out, start looking.*
7. *You may feel the need to be the voice of your subordinates but they have their own powerful voice; God heard the voice of Ishmael in the wilderness, and spoke to Hagar.*
8. *The fact that God has not spoken to you does not mean He has not heard you; He may be speaking to your destiny helpers.*
9. *Believe God the first time (hear Him in the word) and you will not get dismayed when things get worse. Do not lament the death of the living if God speaks to its future.*
10. *Keep doing what the Lord has given you, faithfully, in the presence of your haters; when they see they cannot defeat your spirit or your blessing, they will join you, or at least seek a truce.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- O faithful God, I praise You with laughter in the midst of my difficult situations, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Almighty God, Alpha and Omega, show me everything I am passionately holding on to that is holding down my destiny, and give me the courage to let them go, in the name of Jesus.
- Thank You Lord that I do not need to be in control when you already are; our times and destiny are in Your hands. Amen.
- Father God, give my children their own voices

that register in heaven; respond to them when they get in trouble and I am not there. Amen.

- Father help me to hear You the first time and to hear and believe Your word; I refuse to be depressed because of the process or discouraged because of the way. Help me never to speak death over the living, but to speak life into the dying, in Jesus' name. Amen.
- Loving Father, thank You for meeting me where my strength fails, in Jesus' name. Amen.
- Lord God of Abraham, give me dumbfounding breakthroughs in the presence of my haters, in the name of Jesus.

**If you were told to take your son, your only son, the one you love, and offer him on a mountain as a burnt offering to God, Would you rise early the next morning and be on your way? Or would you plead with God; would you bargain, would you pray?**

### GENESIS 22

<sup>1</sup>After these things, God tested Abraham: He said, "Abraham!" And he said, "Behold, Lord, here I am!"

<sup>2</sup>Then God said, "Take now Isaac your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love; and go to the land of Moriah and there offer him

on the mountain I will tell you of as a burnt offering."

<sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose up early the next morning and saddled his ass, at first light to get going; *obedience holds no time slack!*

He took two of his young men with him, his son Isaac and the wood, and he set off to go to the place God told him about.

<sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked and saw the place some distance away;

<sup>5</sup>and he said to the young men, "Stay; wait with the donkey, the lad and I will go up.

*@There is a place in worship where with you others cannot go; they may not understand the passion and may try to block the flow.*

We are going up to worship; we will come to you again."

*Promises are eternal, though the process causes pain.*

<sup>6</sup>So Abraham had Isaac carry the wood of the burnt offering, he took the fire and a knife and the two went together then.

<sup>7</sup>But Isaac said this to Abraham, "Father! I see the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the sacrifice?"

*I serve Jehovah-Jireh, and with Him by my side*

<sup>8</sup>I can say in confidence, "My son Jehovah will provide!

God will provide for Himself the lamb for the offering."

<sup>9</sup>So they both went up together and came to

the place which God showed him.

And Abraham built an altar there and set the wood in place, *but Isaac may have received a fright*

when Abraham bound him and laid him on the altar on the wood,

<sup>10</sup>and then stretched out his knife.

He took the knife to slay his son.

<sup>11</sup>But then, the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!"

"Here I am!" Abraham answered the Lord.

<sup>12</sup>And He said, "Do not place your hand on the boy, or do anything to him,

I know that you fear God since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

<sup>13</sup>*Jehovah-Jireh*: Abraham lifted his eyes and looked;

*Jehovah-Jireh*: behind him was a ram caught by his horns in the thick bush!

*Jehovah-Jireh*: Abraham took the ram and offered it up in Isaac's stead;

<sup>14</sup>"Jehovah-Jireh is what I will name this place," is what Abraham said.

*Jehovah-Jireh*, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is to this day, "In the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

<sup>15</sup>The Angel of the Lord called to Abraham, a second time out of heaven,

<sup>16</sup>and said, "I have sworn by Myself, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son;

<sup>17</sup>with blessings I will bless you, and multiplying, I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and as the sand by the sea;

and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

<sup>18</sup>"In your seed all nations of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

<sup>19</sup>And Abraham returned to his young men; so they rose up and went together to Beersheba, and there Abraham dwelt.

*@God had tested his depth in worship; he showed he would lay down all:*

*his love, his crown, his honor, at the feet of the Lord.*

<sup>20</sup>After these things Abraham was told of the sons born of Milcah to his brother Nahor:

<sup>21</sup>Huz the firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram,

<sup>22</sup>Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph and Bethuel also;

<sup>23</sup>and Bethuel begot Rebekah; of Milcah, these eight to Nahor were born.

<sup>24</sup>His concubine Reumah also bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash and Maacah.

*@He could not know Jehovah would one day give His only begotten Son,*

*but he knew by experience, the great price of selfless love.*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. God will give you your heart's desire but He

- desires to keep your heart.*
2. *You know the Lord is truly your God when you hold nothing too precious to sacrifice to Him.*
  3. *The best timing to fulfil a difficult instruction from God is the earliest possible time.*
  4. *If you know the end, never be distracted by the process; stay aligned with the Alpha and the Omega.*
  5. *You know you are giving your very best when your offering speaks to you, saying, "Where is the offering?"*
  6. *The ones who carry your bag may become a drag, and your companions may become your opposition, when approaching the mountaintop of your destiny.*
  7. *Do not be dismayed that your associates cannot go with you to the next level; divine confusion would perplex them at the place of total obedience.*
  8. *You may have to face your darkest hour alone.*
  9. *Your lamb in the thicket may be a prize but it will not be a surprise if you regard the promise.*
  10. *There is a place in God for, "Because you have done this." God responds to your response to Him.*
  11. *What God promises you is settled in heaven; when He swears to you by His own name, it is settled in history.*
  12. *It is released by promise; Jehovah-Jireh has already provided all things you need; it is received by your response.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- My Father my God, help me to be willing to sacrifice everything You have given me, if necessary, to honor You. Amen.
- Lord, let every idol in my heart be torn down and You alone be established. Amen.
- Father God, my Jehovah Jireh, thank You for providing everything I need for my life and for my godliness. Amen.
- O Lord my God, remove every person in my life that has no place on the next level of my walk of faith, in the name of Jesus.
- King of glory, let me live to attract You 'because you have done this' blessings. Amen.
- Eternal Father, thank You for sacrificing Your only Son for my redemption. Jehovah-Jireh thank You for providing the Lamb of atonement for my sins. Amen.

**A GRIEVOUS and bitter moment in any person's life: the death of a loved one, the death of a wife.**

**Be comforted Abraham, for she was your crown;**

**A great and noble woman; and Abraham mourned.**

**A companion in travel and trials; let a burying-place be found.**

**Dust to dust; commit her to the ground.**

**She bore him a son in his old age; she was his delight;**

**Yes, the woman being buried was Sarah, Abraham's wife.**

**GENESIS 23**

<sup>1</sup>One hundred and twenty-seven years were the years of her life.

Her name was Sarah, Abraham's wife.

<sup>2</sup>So Sarah died in Hebron in the land of Canaan, and to mourn and weep for her Abraham came.

<sup>3</sup>Then Abraham stood up from before his deceased wife, and spoke to the sons of Heth,

<sup>4</sup>"I am a stranger and foreigner among you this day; give me a possession for a burying-place here, so that I may bury my deceased out of my sight."

<sup>5</sup>And the sons of Heth replied to Abraham, <sup>6</sup>"Hear us, my lord: you are a mighty prince among us;

take the best of our sepulchre and bury your dead in it.

None of us will withhold from you his burial place that you may bury your dead."

<sup>7</sup>Then Abraham stood up, and to the sons of Heth he bowed himself.

<sup>8</sup>And he said to them, "If it is your desire that I should bury my deceased,

then petition Ephron the son of Zohar for me, <sup>9</sup>"that he may give me the cave of Machpelah,

which is at the end of his field.

I will pay the full price, whatever it is worth, for my possession as a burying place among you."

<sup>10</sup>Now Ephron, the Hittite, dwelt among the sons of Heth.

In the audience of everyone, he answered Abraham, and said,

<sup>11</sup>"No, my lord, hear me, I give to you the field, and the cave that is in it.

In the presence of all the people, to you I give it all. Go now, and bury your dead in it."

<sup>12</sup>And Abraham bowed himself down before the people of the land,

<sup>13</sup>and in the audience of the people he spoke to Ephron.

"If you give it, then please hear me. I will give you money for the field; take it from me and I will bury my dead there."

<sup>14</sup>And Ephron answered Abraham, saying,

<sup>15</sup>"The land is worth four hundred shekels of silver;

what is that between you and me? Bury your dead as you desire."

<sup>16</sup>So Abraham weighed Ephron out the silver Ephron had named in the witness of the sons of Heth;

four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchants.

<sup>17</sup>So Abraham secured the field of Ephron which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, that is Hebron,

the field, the cave in it, and all the trees of the field,

<sup>18</sup>to himself as a possession in the presence of the sons of Heth,

before all who went in at the city gate.

<sup>19</sup>After this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah, before

Mamre, that is Hebron, in the land of Canaan.  
<sup>20</sup>So the field and the cave in it was secured to Abraham by the sons of Heth as his property for a burying-place as he desired. And there in the cave of Machpelah, he laid his precious wife.

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Your death is decreed by the laws of nature, your memory is solely dependent on you.*
2. *Life is an ocean, will you leave behind a ripple or will you leave behind a wave?*
3. *Your neighbors may not be righteous but they will be right on; what report will they have about you?*
4. *Your righteousness among sinners will be your compelling witness to them; it will command the respect you may not be able to demand.*
5. *Rise on the back of humility to your place of destiny, or fall on the sword of arrogance.*
6. *It is mine does not mean it is my time; humility will secure what the promise assures.*
7. *If it is valuable to you then be prepared to release valuables for it.*
8. *Be prepared to pay a price to truly honor those you value.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- O Lord my God, let my lifestyle truly dignify You, in the name of Jesus.
- King of Glory, help me to make You proud by my distinguishing separation in this sinful generation, in the name of Jesus.
- O God my Father, help me to never doubt Your promises to me; instead let me behave myself wisely as I possess them. Amen.
- King of hearts, I thank You for divine favor in every area of my life, and for the people whose hearts you have touched to favor me, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**NO going back to where I started from; I have laid the foundation my son must build on.**

**I regard my lineage, "Go and take him a wife, for he is bound to the promise, wrapped up in God is his life.**

**Through much testing I stand here, and much trial of faith;**

**The Lord will direct you; I followed Him all the way.**

**But after all I have been through, I cannot bear the pain, to see my posterity start all over again."**

### GENESIS 24

<sup>1</sup>Abraham was old and blessed in all things; prospered by God, and living as king.

*@Before he died, he wanted to set things straight and find the right wife for Isaac, before it was too late.*

<sup>2</sup>He called the eldest of his servants who ruled over all that he had; "Under my thigh," he said, "please put your hand.

<sup>3</sup>"I will now make you swear, that you will follow my words,

by the Lord, the God of heaven, who is God of the earth.

Swear that you will not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell,

<sup>4</sup>but you will go to my country, and to my family, and there take a wife for my son Isaac."

<sup>5</sup>The servant said to him, "What if the woman is not willing to follow me to this land, must I bring your son back again, to the land from which you came?"

*@Rather, from which you were called out, and you had obeyed;*

*away from the promise, attached to these plains. From your very existence, your history, your pains;*

*away from his destiny, and your foundation of faith.*

<sup>6</sup>And Abraham said, "My servant, beware, that you do not bring my son back there again.

<sup>7</sup>"The Lord God of heaven who took me from my father's house

and from the land of my family, and who spoke to me,

and swore to me saying, 'I will give this land to your descendants,'

He will send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from that land.

<sup>8</sup>"And if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you shall be fully cleared from this oath. Do what you must, but whatever you do, do not bring my son back there again; this you must never do."

<sup>9</sup>So the servant placed his hand under his master Abraham's thigh, and swore to him concerning this matter as he desired.

<sup>10</sup>The servant had all the goods of the master at his disposal, therefore, he took ten of his master's camels and departed.

And he arose and to Mesopotamia, the city of Nahor he went.

<sup>11</sup>And he made his camels kneel down outside the city by a well.

It was evening time, the time when women go out to draw water.

<sup>12</sup>And he prayed there and sought direction from God, saying, "O Lord God of Abraham, my master, I ask you please, in kindness to Abraham my master, let this mission succeed.

<sup>13</sup>"I stand here by the well; and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water.

<sup>14</sup>"Now, let it be that the young woman to whom I say, 'Let your pitcher down that I may drink!'

and she says, 'Drink and I will give your camels water also,'

let her be the one You have chosen for Your servant Isaac.

And by this I will know You have shown great kindness to my master.”

<sup>15</sup>O, servant of Abraham, you have not finished speaking yet, but look, a woman has come,

her name was Rebekah, born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, who was the wife of Nahor the brother of Abraham.

She had her pitcher on her shoulder.

<sup>16</sup>She was lovely and a virgin, no man had known her.

She went down to the well, filled her pitcher, and with it she returned.

<sup>17</sup>The servant ran to meet her and said, “From your pitcher, please give me a drink.”

<sup>18</sup>“Drink my lord,” she said to him.

She let down her hand and gave him a drink.

<sup>19</sup>When he was finished, she said, “I will draw water for your camels also, until they are satisfied.”

<sup>20</sup>To water the camels, she hastily ran;

<sup>21</sup>in silence he wondered, “Has prosperity come?”

<sup>22</sup>When the camels had finished drinking he gave to her,

two bracelets and a nose ring, all made of gold.

<sup>23</sup>He then asked about her family, and when he was told,

*he had given her jewels, but knew he struck gold!*

“Whose daughter are you? Is there room in your father’s house to lodge?”

<sup>24</sup>She replied, “I am the daughter of Bethuel, son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor.

<sup>25</sup>We have both straw and feed enough, and room for you to lodge.”

<sup>26</sup>The servant bowed his head then and worshipped the Lord.

<sup>27</sup>Saying, “Blessed be the Lord God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His mercy and truth to him,

who, as for me, has led me to the house of my master’s brethren.”

<sup>28</sup>So Rebekah ran and told these things to her mother’s household then;

<sup>29</sup>and Laban, Rebekah’s brother, ran to meet the man at the well.

<sup>30</sup>Her tale and the bracelets and ring that he saw,

and when he heard what the man said, he went to the man.

He was standing there by the camels at the well.

<sup>31</sup>And he said, “Come in, O blessed of the Lord! Why do you stand outside?

For I have prepared the house and a place for the camels too.”

<sup>32</sup>The man came into the house and he unloaded the camels and gave them straw to eat,

he also provided water to wash his own and the man’s feet.

<sup>33</sup>After they were settled, they gave him food

to eat,

but he replied, “Until I have told my mission, your servant will not eat.”

So they told him, “Speak on.”

<sup>34</sup>So he said, “I am the servant of Abraham.”

<sup>35</sup>They listened as he told them, of what the Lord had done;

how He blessed Abraham, their brother, and made him great and strong;

with herds and flocks, camels and donkeys, silver and gold, male and female servants.

<sup>36</sup>How Sarah his wife bore a son to him when she was old;

and he has given all he has to him, everything he owned.

<sup>37</sup>They marvelled as he told them that he came to get Isaac a wife;

how Abraham had charged him, not to take him a wife of the Canaanites.

<sup>38</sup>He had said, “Go to my father’s house and to my family, and take a wife for my son there.”

<sup>39</sup>“When I said, ‘What if the woman will not follow me?’

<sup>40</sup>He said, ‘The Lord will send His angel to lead;

and to prosper your way, and you shall take a wife for my son,

from my family and from my father’s house.

<sup>41</sup>If my family will not give her to you, you are released from my oath.”

He told them that while he was yet praying, Rebekah came.

<sup>42</sup>He told them how he came to the well and how he prayed, “O Lord God of my master Abraham, if You will prosper my way,

<sup>43</sup>“I stand by the well of water and when the virgins come to draw,

and I say, ‘Please give me a little water from your pitcher to drink,’

<sup>44</sup>and she says to me, ‘Drink, and I will draw for your camels too,

let her be the woman appointed by You Lord, as bride for my master’s son.’

<sup>45</sup>“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there came Rebekah, and she went to the well to draw.

<sup>46</sup>I asked her for a drink and she gave me water for my thirst,

and watered the camels, as I requested of the Lord.”

<sup>47</sup>“Then I asked her about her family and when I was told,

I put the bracelets on her wrists and a ring on her nose.

<sup>48</sup>“Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord God of my master Abraham,

who has led me in the way of truth, to take the daughter of my master’s brother for his son.

<sup>49</sup>“Now if you will be kind to my master tell me, and if not tell me, so I will know which way to turn.”

<sup>50</sup>“Then Laban and Bethuel answered, “This is of the Lord,



we cannot speak to you about this, either good or bad.

<sup>51</sup>Rebekah is before you; take her and go, let her be your master's wife, as the Lord has spoken."

<sup>52</sup>Abraham's servant worshipped the Lord when he heard it, bowing down to the earth.

<sup>53</sup>Then he brought out jewels of silver, gold and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah; and to her brother and mother, he also gave precious things.

<sup>54</sup>The mission now completed, he sat to eat and drink; both he himself, and the men who were with him.

*@He was a faithful servant and he would not comfort himself until his task was completed, to which he was sent.*

He rose up early the next morning, and said, "Send me away to my master."

<sup>55</sup>But her brother and mother said, "Let her remain with us at least ten days, after that she may go."

<sup>56</sup>But he said to them, "Do not delay me, since the Lord has prospered my way; let me go to my master; send me away."

<sup>57</sup>So they said, "We will call the young woman and see what she says."

<sup>58</sup>They called Rebekah and asked her if she would go; she said, "I certainly will."

<sup>59</sup>So they sent her away with her nurse, and Abraham's servants and his men.

<sup>60</sup>Blessing Rebekah, they said to her, "The mother of thousands of ten thousands, may our sister be, may your descendants possess the gates of their enemies."

*The blessings of Abraham echoed as they rode away.*

<sup>61</sup>Then Rebekah and her maid servants rose up, riding on camels they followed the man. And the servant of Abraham took them and returned again.

<sup>62</sup>And Isaac came from the way of Beer Lahai Roi, for he dwelt in the South.

<sup>63</sup>While in the field in his evening meditation, Isaac saw the camels come.

<sup>64</sup>Then Rebekah looked and when she saw Isaac, she came down from the camel;

<sup>65</sup>for she had said to the servant, "Who is that man, coming to us in the field?" When she heard that it was the master, she covered her face with a veil.

<sup>66</sup>The servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.

<sup>67</sup>Then Isaac brought her into his mother's tent, there he knew Rebekah, and she became his wife.

And he loved her. Oh he loved her with all of his soul.

After the death of his mother, he was finally consoled.

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Succession is the final determinant of your success; nurture, prepare, guide and make every provision to establish it.
2. You are set in this world but not set with this world; have a separation mindset; this world has no place on the set of your destiny.
3. Never commit your destiny to your past or you may bypass and surrender all your gains.
4. Without proving him or her, without seeing him or her, can you trust God completely for your spouse? Truly your first real glimpse may never be until after you are married.
5. When you trust the heart of God completely for your spouse, your heart will be completely pleased; God only gives good and perfect gifts.
6. When you are not qualified for the task assigned, trust the One who alone can give you unqualified success.
7. Your breakthrough is coming to meet you, even this minute, pray for the wisdom to identify it.
8. There are angels guaranteeing your success; though you may never see them you see their work every day.
9. True faithfulness is to never put your interest above your assignment.
10. A true servant ministers to the need of his master before his own needs. Abraham's servant was hungry but refused to eat before his task was accomplished.
11. Consummation is the seal of marriage not ceremony, irrespective of cultural practices.

### PRAYER POINTS

- O God my Father, I pray that you give me success that will last, and that You cover every aspect of my succession, in the name of Jesus.
- O Most Holy God, I pray that You give me a separation mindset as it relates to the sins of this world, but an impact mindset as it relates to the people, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord God of Abraham, I trust Your divine wisdom to help me identify all Your divine provisions for my life, in the name of Jesus.
- King of Glory, give me the wisdom to identify the treasures You have provided for my destiny, in Jesus name.
- I trust You Lord God Almighty for my spouse. Amen.
- King of my life, give me true faithfulness to You and to Your kingdom, and help me to serve You with distinction, in the name of Jesus.

**WHEN the rights of the firstborn are thought of as less;**

**When relief for the moment seems the option that is best;**

**Where the present obliterates what is ahead in your sight;**

**You have lost it when you have despised your birthright!**

### GENESIS 25

<sup>1</sup>Abraham again took a wife, her name was Keturah.

<sup>2</sup>She bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak and Shuah.

<sup>3</sup>Jokshan begot Sheba and Dedan.

The sons of Dedan were Ashurim, Letushim,

and Lumminim.  
<sup>4</sup>The sons of Midan were: Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abidah, and Eldaah. All children of Keturah.  
<sup>5</sup>But the promise was to Isaac, so to him Abraham gave everything.  
<sup>6</sup>And he sent all the sons of his concubines away from Isaac, with gifts while he yet lived.  
<sup>7</sup>And Abraham lived to be one hundred and seventy-five years of age,  
<sup>8</sup>then he breathed his last and died.  
<sup>9</sup>His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the field of Ephron;  
<sup>10</sup>which Abraham had purchased from the sons of Heth, where Sarah his wife was buried.  
<sup>11</sup>And God blessed Isaac, after Abraham died. And Isaac dwelt there by the well of Beer-lahai-roi.  
<sup>12</sup>And all God had promised to Ishmael he did.  
 This is the genealogy of Ishmael, son of Abraham, who Hagar bore to him.  
<sup>13</sup>The names of the sons of Ishmael according to their generations were:  
 Nebajoth his firstborn, Kedar, Abdeel, Mibsam,  
<sup>14</sup>Mishma, Dumah, Massa,  
<sup>15</sup>Hadar, Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah.  
<sup>16</sup>These were the sons of Ishmael and their names by their towns and castles.  
 They were twelve princes in total.  
<sup>17</sup>To the son of Hagar, Sarah's handmaid, God's promises were realized.  
 When he was one hundred and thirty-seven years old, he breathed his last and died.  
<sup>18</sup>From Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt, and to Assyria they dwelt.  
 He died there in the presence of all his brethren.  
<sup>19</sup>This is the genealogy of Isaac, son of Abraham. Abraham begot Isaac.  
<sup>20</sup>Isaac was forty years of age when he took Rebekah as his wife;  
 she was the daughter of Bethuel, the Syrian of Padan-aram, and the sister of Laban.  
<sup>21</sup>Now Rebekah was barren and Isaac prayed for her.  
 God granted his request, and his wife Rebekah conceived.  
<sup>22</sup>In her womb the children struggled, and she said to herself;  
 "Why am I like this if everything is well?"  
 Rebekah was baffled, so she inquired of the Lord.  
<sup>23</sup>And the Lord said to her, "In your womb are two nations;  
 two peoples shall come from you; one shall be stronger than the other,  
 and the older shall serve the younger."  
<sup>24</sup>When her days had come, it was time for them to be born, there were twins in her womb.

<sup>25</sup>The first was red and hairy all over, so they called him Esau.  
<sup>26</sup>His brother came out after, and it was revealed,  
 his hand held a firm grip, on his brother Esau's heel;  
 therefore he was named Jacob.  
 Isaac was sixty years old when she bore the two.  
<sup>27</sup>In the process of time, the brothers grew.  
 Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a regular person; in the tent he lived.  
<sup>28</sup>Isaac loved Esau because he ate of the meat from his hunting,  
 while Rebekah loved Jacob, because of the promise revealed.  
<sup>29</sup>One day when Esau was hungry, coming from the field, very weak;  
 Jacob was cooking stew, and he desired a plate of it to eat.  
<sup>30</sup>Esau said to Jacob, "Give me some of your stew, I am very weary and weak."  
 Therefore his name was called Edom for this.  
<sup>31</sup>But Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright as of this day."  
<sup>32</sup>Esau said, "What good is this birthright to me, when I am about to die?"  
<sup>33</sup>Jacob said, "Swear to me this day," and to him Esau swore,  
 and sold his birthright to Jacob.  
*@One bite, in one moment, and his future was sold.  
 You must resist unto blood, even to death,  
 than to give up God's promise for a moment of flesh.*  
<sup>34</sup>Esau ate and drank and rose up, then went on his way;  
 therefore Esau despised his birthright that day.  
*@Indeed the flesh was gratified, but things would never be the same.  
 When your flesh is tested, are you ready to fight?  
 Do you value the free gift that comes with new life?  
 When the right of the firstborn is thought of as less;  
 when relief for the moment seems the option that is best;  
 where the present obliterates what is ahead in your sight;  
 you know you have lost when the rights of your new birth are despised.*

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. The promise is for Isaac, the vitality is for you; He renews your youth like the eagles.
2. Your self indulgence may create divergence; act decisively to ensure coherence and preservation of your destiny.
3. Never accept barrenness when God promises numberless; seek God for divine correction .
4. Divine wisdom is available for everyone who lacks it; seek God for discernment to understand your puzzling situations.

5. *It may not be delivered to you on a platter, grip it and never let it go; take it by force.*
6. *Some things you will take easily, some forcefully; ensure the word of God is on your side.*
7. *Never trade your destiny for a moment or the moment will be stuck in history. Never trade your destiny for a bite or the taste will never leave your mouth.*
8. *You lose everything if you trade the rights of your new birth in Christ for a moment of flesh.*
9. *Anything you put above God you lose, and you also lose God, that makes you a total loser.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- O Lord my God, help me never to cloud my destiny with offspring of the flesh that have no place in it, in Jesus name.
- King of Glory, open up my understanding to every puzzle in my life; and give me discernment of every situation I face, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, help me to love and obey Your word above my feelings and my wisdom, in the name of Jesus. Let my walk be guided by the Holy Spirit and not by the dictates of my flesh, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I take by force, everything that is written in my destiny but not appropriated to it, in the name of Jesus.
- Most holy God, help me to resist every temptation to trade my rights in Christ for temporary gratification of my flesh in the name of Jesus.
- Let the divine wind of the blood of Jesus Christ blow away every deception of the enemy to offer me crumbs and take my storehouses, in the name of Jesus.

**A WINNER does not quit, nor can a quitter win!**  
**If your well is stolen, do not be bundled into sin.**  
**Put your faith in God; let Him hold your hand;**  
**get your strength together and dig another one.**  
**A winner does not quit, nor can a quitter win!**  
**Don't give up for one moment; never let your light go dim.**  
**Put your faith in God, on His promises just stand;**  
**get your strength together and dig another one!**

### GENESIS 26

<sup>1</sup>There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine in Abraham's days. Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines; to Gerar he came.

<sup>2</sup>Then the Lord appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land I tell you of.

<sup>3</sup>Reside there and I will be with you, and there I will bless you.

For to you and to your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform My oath which I swore to

your father Abraham.

<sup>4</sup>Your descendants shall multiply as the stars of heaven; to them I will give all these countries; and in your seed all nations of the earth shall be blessed,

<sup>5</sup>because Abraham has obeyed My voice and has kept My charge, My statutes, My laws and My commandments."

<sup>6</sup>So Isaac dwelt in Gerar.

<sup>7</sup>When the men of the place asked about his wife, he said, "She is my sister."

Though Rebekah was his wife.

She was very beautiful, and he feared that for her they would take his life.

<sup>8</sup>After a long time, Abimelech the king of the Philistines, looked through a window and saw them being intimately playful.

<sup>9</sup>Then Abimelech called Isaac to him and said, "She is obviously your wife, so why did you say, 'She is my sister,' then?"

Isaac replied, "Because I said, 'Lest for her sake I die.'"

<sup>10</sup>Abimelech said, "What is this that you have done to us?"

One of the men may have had intimacy with her lightly,

and you would have brought guilt on us."

<sup>11</sup>Then Abimelech charged all his people, saying to them,

"He who touches this man or his wife, shall surely be put to death."

<sup>12</sup>Then Isaac sowed in the land and reaped a hundredfold;

for indeed, he was blessed of the Lord.

Isaac had herds, flocks and servants.

<sup>13</sup>He grew and prospered to greatness.

<sup>14</sup>He had possessions of flocks, herds and many servants, and the Philistines envied him.

<sup>15</sup>And the Philistines stopped with earth, all the wells the servants of Abraham had dug in Abraham's days. They filled them with earth.

<sup>16</sup>And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we are."

<sup>17</sup>So Isaac departed from there and pitched his tent in the Valley of Gerar and there he dwelt.

<sup>18</sup>And Isaac once more dug the wells his father's servants had dug, in Abraham, his father's days.

For the Philistines had stopped them up after his father Abraham died.

And he called them by the names his father gave them when he was alive.

<sup>19</sup>And Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and there his servants found, a well of springing water,

<sup>20</sup>and for this the herdsmen of Gerar argued. They quarrelled with Isaac's herdsmen,

saying, "The well is ours."

So he named it Esek because they quarrelled with him.

*@Disappointed; his servants felt the pain. His hope fixed on the promise, Isaac dug another well.*

*@A winner does not quit, nor can a quitter win! If your well is stolen, don't be bundled into sin. Put your faith in God and let Him hold your hand; get your strength together and dig another one.*

<sup>21</sup>They dug another well and Isaac called it Sitnah, for they quarrelled over this one too. *@Months of sweat and hard labor, yet to have the success reprov'd.*

*But a winner does not quit! This Isaac would not do.*

<sup>22</sup>Frustrated but not deterred, from there he moved; and Isaac dug again that time. He found water and called the name Rehoboth.

For this one the herdsmen did not fight. He said, "Now the Lord has made room for us; we shall be fruitful in this land."

*Certainly Isaac was no quitter.*

<sup>23</sup>He went up to Beersheba from there.

<sup>24</sup>That same night, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham;

I am with you, do not fear.

I will bless you and multiply your descendants for the sake of My servant Abraham."

<sup>25</sup>So Isaac built an altar there, and called on the name of the Lord.

And he pitched his tent there, and there his servants dug another well.

<sup>26</sup>After this Abimelech came to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath, a friend, and Phichol the captain of his army.

<sup>27</sup>Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, since you hate me and have sent me away?"

<sup>28</sup>But they said, "We have seen the Lord is with you;

so we said, 'Let there be an oath now between us, and let us make a covenant with you,

<sup>29</sup>that you will do us no harm since we have not touched you,

and since we have done you nothing but good.'

*@Oh, what about the wells stolen?*

*No, that is not a winning mood!*

'We have sent you away in peace, now you are the blessed of the Lord.'

<sup>30</sup>He made them a feast and they ate and drank and so he assured their hearts.

<sup>31</sup>Then they rose early the next morning, and to each other they swore an oath, and Isaac sent them away, and they departed in peace therefore.

<sup>32</sup>And on that same day Isaac's servant came and told him about the well that they had dug, saying, "We have found water; it is springing up."

<sup>33</sup>So he called it Shebah. Therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day. It was the place where the covenant with Isaac and Abimelech was made.

<sup>34</sup>When Esau was forty years old, he took as wives Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite.

<sup>35</sup>And it grieved the mind of Isaac; *Esau what have you done?*

Rebekah too was concerned, *but God had another plan.*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Where the conditions contradict your word from God, let the word become your wisdom and conditioning.
2. A good solution is a very bad solution if it is not a God solution; God does not ride easy, He makes difficult an easy ride.
3. A hundredfold in famine is a good viewpoint from which to get a glimpse of God.
4. You know you are blessed when you attract the envy of the rest; you know you are brimming when they cannot handle your presence; you show them up.
5. Wisdom is digging where water was found; let history guide your destiny but not dictate it.
6. When they fight for what they block up you know their purpose is to block you; block them out by persistence.
7. You may fail, but you only become a failure when you fail to try again; a winner never stops at Esek but digs in hope for Rehoboth.
8. The road to your destiny may be plagued with injustice; focus on the God who makes room for you and keep pressing, or you will join the many unaccomplished potentials.
9. There is rest at the end of every successful test, with springing water, divine assurances and your enemies seeking your approval.

### PRAYER POINTS

- O God my Father, help me to regard Your word as a higher law than my circumstances at all times, in Jesus name.
- Lord God of the harvest, I claim my hundredfold in adversity, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, I will sow at Your word and not on my assessment of the wind; adversity shall not be my complexity, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus Christ, I will not quit until I taste complete victory, in the name of Jesus.
- Thank You Lord God Almighty, that Your promise endures and outlasts my adversities, in the name of Jesus.

**S**EE the arms of deception;  
**S**ee Rebekah's plan unfold.  
**S**ee Jacob in motion as Esau's blessing he stole.  
**S**ee Esau in distress;  
**J**acob, hear him swear to do you hurt.  
**I**n spite of the deception; see God's plan at work.

### GENESIS 27

<sup>1</sup>Now, when Isaac was old, and he could not see for his sight was so dim, he called Esau his older son, and he said to him, "My son," and he answered, "Here I am."

<sup>2</sup>Then he said, "I am old; I do not know the day I will die.

<sup>3</sup>Take with you your weapons, your quiver and bow; and go out to the field, and hunt game for me.

<sup>4</sup>"And make me tasty meat, as I love it. Bring it to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die."

*For the soul will surely bless when the soul is satisfied.*

<sup>5</sup>Someone was listening, someone heard him then, it was Rebekah his wife, she heard all that Isaac had said.

Now as Esau went out hunting in the field,

<sup>6</sup>Rebekah spoke to Jacob and said, "I heard your father tell Esau your brother,

<sup>7</sup>'Bring venison and make me tasty meat, that I may eat and bless you, before the Lord, before my death.'

<sup>8</sup>"Now, my son, obey my voice, do as I command.

<sup>9</sup>Go bring from the flock, two of the best goat kids, and I will make tasty meat from them for your father, just as he loves it.

<sup>10</sup>Then you shall take it to him, that he may eat and he may bless you before his death."

<sup>11</sup>And Jacob said to Rebekah, "Mother, Esau is hairy, I am a smooth-skinned man.

<sup>12</sup>Should my father feel me, I will appear as a deceiver to him, and I will bring a curse on myself instead of a blessing."

<sup>13</sup>But his mother said to him, "Let the curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, get them for me."

<sup>14</sup>So he went and got them and brought them to his mother,

and she made tasty meat as his father loved.

<sup>15</sup>Then Rebekah took good clothing of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house,

and she placed them on Jacob her younger son.

<sup>16</sup>And she put the skins of the kid of the goats on his hands and on the smooth of his neck.

<sup>17</sup>Then she gave the meat and bread to Jacob which she had prepared.

<sup>18</sup>So he brought them to his father and said, "My Father."

*@But his voice was without dressing.*

*His father knew something was wrong.*

He said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?"

<sup>19</sup>Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn.

I have done just as you told me.

Please sit and eat my venison, that your soul may bless me."

*For the soul will bless, when the soul is satisfied.*

<sup>20</sup>But Isaac said to him, "How have you found it so quickly, my son?"

He said, "Because the Lord your God brought it to me."

<sup>21</sup>Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come near that I may feel you, my son, to see if you are really Esau indeed."

<sup>22</sup>So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, and he felt him, and said,

"The hands are the hands of Esau, though the voice is Jacob's voice."

<sup>23</sup>And Isaac did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy as Esau's was. And so Isaac blessed him. *But he had one final question.*

<sup>24</sup>Then he said, "Are you really my son Esau?" Jacob said, "I am."

<sup>25</sup>He said, "Bring the meat near to me. I will eat of my son's game, that my soul may bless you."

So he brought it near to him and he ate it, and he drank the wine he brought.

<sup>26</sup>Then his father Isaac said, "Come near now and kiss me, my son."

*My son...wait, one final thought.*

<sup>27</sup>And so he came near and kissed him, and he smelled the smell of his garment.

And he blessed him, and said, "See, the smell of my son is like the smell of the field which the Lord has blessed.

<sup>28</sup>Therefore may God give you of heaven's dew, and of the fatness of the earth as well, and plenty of grain and wine.

<sup>29</sup>"Let peoples serve you and nations bow down to you.

Be lord over all your brethren and let your mother's sons bow down to you.

Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!"

<sup>30</sup>Now, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had only just gone out, departing from the presence of his father, Isaac,

from his hunting, his brother Esau came.

<sup>31</sup>He also brought to his father the tasty meat that he too had made.

And he said, "Father, arise and eat of my venison that your soul may bless me."

<sup>32</sup>And his father Isaac answered, "Who are you?"

"I am Esau, your son, your firstborn." he replied.

<sup>33</sup>Then Isaac trembled exceedingly, and said, "Who...? Where is he who hunted and brought meat to me before you came?

And I did eat, and I blessed him, and he surely shall be blessed."

<sup>34</sup>A great exceeding bitter cry, proceeded from Esau, when he heard his father's words; "Bless me, even me also, my father!" he pleaded.

<sup>35</sup>His father spoke and in his pain he heard, "Your brother came in subtly and has taken away your blessing from you."

<sup>36</sup>And Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob?

For he has supplanted me now not one time but two.

First he took my birthright away, and now look, he has taken away my blessing.”

*Desperate, despairing but not deterred,* Esau asked, “Is there not a blessing for me that you have reserved?”

<sup>37</sup>Isaac answered Esau and said, “I have made Jacob your lord, and I have given all his brethren to him as servants.

I have sustained him with wine and corn. What shall I do now for you my son?”

<sup>38</sup>And Esau said to his father, “Have you, O Father, one blessing yet?”

And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

<sup>39</sup>Then Isaac his father answered and said to him, “Your dwelling shall be of the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven above.

<sup>40</sup>By the sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother; and it shall be that when you have the dominion, you shall break his yoke from your neck.”

<sup>41</sup>So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him.

And Esau said in his heart, “My father will die soon; the days of his mourning are near.

I will kill my brother Jacob then.”

<sup>42</sup>The words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah.

So she sent for Jacob her younger son and said,

“Your brother Esau comforts himself, purposing to kill you.

<sup>43</sup>Now therefore, my son, obey my voice, arise and flee to my brother Laban in Haran.

<sup>44</sup>“Dwell with him there for a little while, until your brother’s wrath is turned away;

<sup>45</sup>until his anger is turned from you and he forgets what you have done; then I will send to bring you from there.

Why should it be that in one day, I should be bereaved of you both?”

<sup>46</sup>Then Rebekah told Isaac, “I am weary of my life, because of the daughters of Heth; they vex my soul.

If Jacob should take a wife of the daughters of Heth, like these who are the daughters of the land, what good shall my life be to me?”

*For destiny would be fulfilled, despite the deception.*

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. Blessings flow naturally from needs fulfilled.
2. Receive full blessing from the empty souls you satisfy; receive no blessing from the full soul you supply.
3. The blessing you regard and honor is the blessing you will attract; do not carry buckets to receive blessings you regarded with baskets of holes all along.
4. There is always someone waiting in the wings to take what you discard by your disregard.

5. God is in control; He works all things together for good, even the deception of the deviant.
6. Discernment is one of the greatest available tools of the church in this age; the deception that seeks to steal your eternal blessing will cloak itself to look like truth and to fit you.
7. It may feel right, it may smell right, it may taste right, it may even say the right things, but if it does not sound right it may not be right. Listen to the voice, the still small voice.
8. It does not matter how you got the blessing; your history is irrelevant; it is yours, it is irrevocable, adjust your life to justify it.
9. It is foolish to get mad over something you flippantly rubbished and sold.
10. Esau experienced the Lord’s warning about our treatment of our divine privileges; weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**PRAYER POINTS**

- O God my Father, open the eyes of my spirit to every trick and trap of the enemy aimed at my divine rights in Christ, in Jesus’ name. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, I honor You; help me not to grieve You, but to hear You with clarity so I will walk daily with discernment, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I shall not surrender my blessings in Christ. I commit myself to live a life that gives full regard and honor to my blessing received by faith in Christ Jesus. Amen.
- I fan away with the blood of Jesus, every temptation of the flesh that will cause me to dishonor my divine nature, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, I thank You that I have all the blessings of Abraham, not by my own works but because of Your Son’s death; let my life from this moment be worthy of such a precious cargo, in the name of Jesus.
- Father, forgive me of all my sins; help me to maintain a tender heart before You always; I declare that I shall not gamble with my eternity for one minute, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**I SEE steps to heaven,  
Its foot on the earth;  
Angels ascending and descending,  
Ah yes! I see the Lord.  
I guess I must be dreaming,  
running from reality;  
He stood above the ladder;  
then He spoke to me!**

**GENESIS 28**

<sup>1</sup>I see Esau still searching, but if Isaac he might please; he heard Isaac charge Jacob, “Do not take a wife of one of these. Do not wed any of the daughters of Canaan. <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother’s father; take a wife of the daughters of Laban, your mother’s brother. <sup>3</sup>“May God Almighty bless you, and make you fruitful and increase, so that a multitude of peoples you may be; <sup>4</sup>and give to you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your descendants with you,

that you may inherit the land in which you are a stranger, which God gave to Abraham.”

<sup>5</sup>So Isaac sent Jacob away; and to Padan Aram, to Laban, the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, his mother, he went.

<sup>6</sup>Esau saw that Isaac blessed Jacob, and sent him to Padan Aram to take himself a wife, and charged him saying, “You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.”

<sup>7</sup>and that Jacob had obeyed his father and mother and had gone.

*@I see Esau still searching, to please his father this one time.*

<sup>8</sup>He realized that the daughters of Canaan did not please Isaac,

<sup>9</sup>so Esau went and took Mahalath, the daughter of Ishmael, son of Abraham for his wife,

in addition to the wives he had.

<sup>10</sup>So Jacob obeyed his parents and, while going from the land, after he set out from Bersheeba on his way to Haran,

<sup>11</sup>he came to a place and stopped to spend the night at the setting of the sun.

He took some stones for a pillow, and while he was asleep,

<sup>12</sup>he saw a ladder, set up on the earth in his dream.

He saw the angels in motion, like men on mission sent;

he watched them climbing upward, and their workmen-like descent.

<sup>13</sup>Above it, a Shining One was standing; it must have been a dream.

The Lord, he could not believe it!

Ah yes, he heard Him speak.

“I am the Lord God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac too.

The land on which you are lying, I will give it to you.

<sup>14</sup>“Your descendants will be as many, as the dust of the earth.

You shall spread out to the east and west, to the north, and to the south.

In you and in your descendants shall all families of the earth be blessed.

<sup>15</sup>“Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go,

and will bring you back to this land;

for I will not leave you until all I have spoken to you I have done.”

*@He was going back to the land from which Abraham was called; but so he knew he would surely come back, he was met there by the Lord.*

<sup>16</sup>Jacob said as he awakened, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.”

<sup>17</sup>He was awed and afraid, as he said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, the gate of heaven! How awesome is this place!” he was so afraid.

<sup>18</sup>He rose up early the next morning,

and set up for a pillar, the stone on which he slept.

He poured some oil on it, <sup>19</sup>and he named it Bethel.

The city was named Luz previously.

<sup>20</sup>There Jacob made a vow to God, saying, “If You will keep me in the way that I am going, and give me food to eat and necessary clothing,

<sup>21</sup>so that I return to my father’s house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God.

<sup>22</sup>And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be the house of God, and I will give back to You a tenth of all You give to me.”

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *It is better to get it right the first time, than to get it wrong and try to make it look right afterwards.*
2. *There is no band-aid for your covenant with sin, it must be renounced.*
3. *You may be plucked up and running from your place of promise, but God will meet you to plant your heart on the Person of promise.*
4. *The ladder connecting heaven to earth with God at the head is prophetic; indeed it is the house of God, Bethel.*
5. *The promise to Jacob connected him to his land of destiny; the ladder from heaven connected the promise to its divine fulfilment in Christ.*
6. *God will open up the heavens and its gates to those who will pursue His kingdom mandate.*
7. *If experiencing the gate of heaven makes it the house of God, being the temple of God makes life an experience of heaven.*
8. *There is nothing worse than not knowing or acknowledging the Presence dwelling inside you.*
9. *Consistent holy living and consistent tithing is reminiscent of the house of God; whose house you are.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- My Father my God, give me the wisdom to make good decisions and the honesty to avoid the temptation to make bad decisions look good, in the name of Jesus.
- O King of Glory, let my life be a constant experience of glory, and let me live in awe and reverence of Your Glory that dwells in me. Amen.
- Father, wherever life takes me, let Your word of Promise and the Holy Spirit in me connect the dots to my destiny, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Lord God of Heaven, I declare that I will be a consistent tither because You commanded it; I will be a consistent tither because I am Your temple, I will tithe consistently because I know You will fulfill all Your promises to me; and I will pay my tithes because the gate of heaven is never closed to me, in Jesus name. Amen.

**S**EVEN years hard labor,  
**S**even years of work;  
**S**even years of labor,  
**T**hat is what his wife was worth.

**But the morning after,  
Jacob sang a different song,  
For his wife was not Rachel  
And he could not lose this one.**

**GENESIS 29**

*@Seven years more labor,  
you can get an advance;  
fulfill her week now, Jacob,  
and with Rachel you shall dance!  
Seven years of labor  
was as nothing in his sight;  
fourteen years of labor  
was worth his heart's delight!*

<sup>1</sup>So Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of people of the East.

<sup>2</sup>He saw a well before him and lying by it he saw three flocks of sheep.

A large stone was there for safety, on the mouth of the well it was placed.

<sup>3</sup>When all the flocks were gathered they would roll the stone away.

They would then water the sheep and the stone would be replaced.

<sup>4</sup>Jacob said to them, "My brethren, where are you from?"

They replied, "We are of Haran."

<sup>5</sup>He inquired there about Laban, "Do you know Laban, Nahor's son?"

They said, "We know him."

<sup>6</sup>He asked then about his health.

They said, "He is well; see, his daughter Rachel is coming with the sheep."

<sup>7</sup>He said, "Look, it is high day; it is not time for the cattle to be gathered together.

Water your sheep and go make them feed."

<sup>8</sup>They replied, "We cannot; until all the flocks are gathered and they have rolled the stone from the mouth of the well.

<sup>9</sup>We will water our sheep then."

While he was still speaking to them, Rachel came, with her father's sheep which she kept.

<sup>10</sup>When Jacob saw Rachel, his uncle Laban's daughter,

he went near and rolled the stone away from the mouth of the well, and watered Laban's flock.

<sup>11</sup>Then Jacob kissed Rachel and he lifted up his voice, and wept while she stood wondering, tears flowing from his eyes.

<sup>12</sup>He then said to her, "I am your father's brother; I am Rebekah's son!"

She ran and told her father.

<sup>13</sup>When Laban heard the report about Jacob, his sister's son, he ran out to meet him.

He embraced him and kissed him and brought him back to his house.

And he told Laban all these things.

<sup>14</sup>And Laban said to him, "Surely you are my flesh and bone."

And he stayed with him for one month.

<sup>15</sup>Then Laban said to Jacob, "Should you serve with me for nothing, just because you

are a brother?

Name your wage; what shall it be?"

<sup>16</sup>And Laban had two daughters, the elder was Leah, the name of the younger was Rachel.

<sup>17</sup>Leah's eyes were cast, but Rachel was beautiful in appearance.

<sup>18</sup>Jacob loved Rachel.

He said, "I will serve seven years for Rachel your daughter."

<sup>19</sup>And Laban said, "It is better I give her to you than to another man." So he agreed.

<sup>20</sup>So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, for his love was true; love made seven years of labor seem like days and just a few.

*@Seven years hard labor,  
seven years of work;  
seven years of labor,  
that is what his wife was worth.  
But the morning after  
Jacob sang a different song,  
for his wife was never Rachel  
and he could not lose this one!*

<sup>21</sup>Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife, for I have performed my obligation, that I may go in to her."

<sup>22</sup>And Laban gathered all the men of the place and made a feast.

<sup>23</sup>In the evening he took Leah his daughter and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her.

<sup>24</sup>And Laban gave his maid servant Zilpah to be his daughter's maid servant.

<sup>25</sup>In the morning, Jacob realized it was Leah. He said to Laban,

"What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve for Rachel? Why have you deceived me?"

<sup>26</sup>And Laban said, "It must not be done like this in our country; the firstborn must first go.

<sup>27</sup>Seven years more labor, you can get an advance; fulfill her week now, Jacob, and Rachel too you shall have."

*@Seven years of labor  
was as nothing in his sight,  
fourteen years of labor  
was worth his heart's delight!*

<sup>28</sup>When Leah's week was finished he received Rachel for his wife;

<sup>29</sup>and Laban gave his maid servant Bilhah to be Rachel's maid servant.

<sup>30</sup>And Jacob went in to Rachel, and loved her more than Leah; and he served with Laban yet another seven years.

<sup>31</sup>When the Lord saw Leah was hated, He opened up her womb; but Rachel was barren, she could not conceive.

<sup>32</sup>So Leah conceived and bore a son; Reuben was his name; for she said, "Surely the Lord has seen my affliction; now my husband will love me!"



<sup>33</sup>She conceived again, and bore another son and said, "Because the Lord has heard that I was hated He has given me this son too."

She called his name Simeon.

<sup>34</sup>And again she conceived and bore another son.

She said, "Now my husband will be attached to me because I have borne him three sons."

Therefore his name was called Levi.

<sup>35</sup>And she conceived again and bore another son, and said,

"Now I will praise the Lord indeed!"

Therefore she named him Judah.

And her childbearing ceased.

### CWDS Bible Quotes

- 1. You know you have arrived when the first thing you lay your eyes on is the reason you set out in the first place; you wonder if you have arrived when after seven years of sweat and hard labor you have not reached it yet.*
- 2. You are a full liar if you tell half truths; you are an accomplished liar if relevant information is withheld to your advantage.*
- 3. You are a thief if you change the product of the bargain on delivery; you are heartless if you deliver the incorrect product with deceptive pomp and ceremony.*
- 4. Even if you have a heart patch, never plan a person's heartbreak.*
- 5. Manipulation may be your craft but it is witchcraft, God will judge it.*
- 6. Never try to deceive a deceiver or you may be deceiving yourself.*
- 7. Never give a deceiver seven years of painful memory to plan his comeback.*
- 8. Heaven accepts no excuse for making an exception of your wife, it demands love and love has no varying levels. If you withhold love from your wife, heaven will withhold its blessing from the things you love most.*
- 9. It may not be your first love, or your favorite, but it is yours, deal with it responsibly.*
- 10. You set a platform for division and conflict in your family if you openly show partiality.*
- 11. Never name your children in your domestic fight, begin praising the Lord immediately.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- O God my Father, let every elusive dream I carry, be ushered to me now by fire, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, every spirit of deception operating in my environment to frustrate me, be frustrated now, in Jesus name.
- Lord God of heaven, give me an attitude of hard work and commitment in all my godly pursuits, until fulfillment, in the name of Jesus.
- Father, give me Your heart, so I will never show partiality, but instead seize the opportunity to inspire and to develop my charges, in the name of Jesus.
- Let every spirit of competition in my family or work environment be consumed by the fire of the Holy Ghost, in the name of Jesus.
- My children shall be free to live their own destiny and not be selfishly named in my domestic disputes, in the name of Jesus.

**JACOB the name, usurp the game;  
Used rods with strakes of white.  
So when the flocks conceived at the water troughs,  
They would be speckled and his by rights.  
Jacob increased, yes, he was rich,  
With cattle and maids and asses.  
The strong cattle conceived among the rods,  
But the weak were Laban's losses.**

### GENESIS 30

<sup>1</sup>When Rachel saw she bore Jacob no child, she envied her sister and to Jacob she cried, "Give me children or else I die!"

<sup>2</sup>Jacob was angry with Rachel, and said, "Am I in God's place, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?"

<sup>3</sup>So Rachel said, "Here is my maid servant Bilhah;

go in to her, that she may bear a child on my knees, that by her I may have children likewise."

<sup>4</sup>And she gave him Bilhah, her maid as wife; and Jacob went in to her at that time.

<sup>5</sup>And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son.

<sup>6</sup>And Rachel said, "God has heard my case, and He has also heard my voice and has given me a son."

Therefore she called his name Dan.

<sup>7</sup>And Bilhah, Rachel's maid, conceived again, and she bore Jacob a second son.

<sup>8</sup>Then Rachel said, "With great wrestlings, I have wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed."

Therefore she called his name Naphtali.

<sup>9</sup>Now when Leah saw her childbearing had ceased, she took Zilpah her maid servant and gave her to Jacob as wife.

<sup>10</sup>And Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a son.

<sup>11</sup>"A troop comes, a troop comes!" Leah said.

And therefore she called his name Gad.

<sup>12</sup>Then Leah's maid, Zilpah, bore Jacob a second son.

<sup>13</sup>And Leah said, "I am happy for the daughters will call me blessed.

Asher shall be his name," she said.

<sup>14</sup>Then Reuben went out in the days of wheat harvest, and there he found mandrakes in the field. He brought them to his mother, Leah.

And Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes."

<sup>15</sup>But Leah said to her, "Is it a small thing that you have taken my husband away? Would you also take away my son's mandrakes?"

And Rachel said, "Therefore he will lie with you tonight for your son's mandrakes."

<sup>16</sup>Leah went to meet Jacob in the evening as he came from the field,

and said, "You must come in to me, for with my son's mandrakes I have hired you."

And Jacob lay with her that night.

<sup>17</sup>And God listened to Leah and she conceived,  
and bore Jacob a fifth son.

<sup>18</sup>And Leah said, "God has given me my wages, because I have given my maid servant to my husband."

So she called his name Issachar.

<sup>19</sup>And Leah conceived again and bore a sixth son.

<sup>20</sup>And Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good reward;  
I have borne my husband six sons, now he shall dwell with me."

And she called his name Zebulun.

<sup>21</sup>Leah bore a daughter afterwards, and called her name Dinah.

<sup>22</sup>Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb.

<sup>23</sup>And she conceived and bore a son.

And she said, "God has taken away my reproach."

<sup>24</sup>So she called his name Joseph, and said, "The Lord shall add to me another son."

<sup>25</sup>And Jacob said to Laban after Joseph was born,

"Send me away, that I may go to my own place and to my own country.

<sup>26</sup>Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you and let me go; for you know my service which I have done for you."

<sup>27</sup>And Laban said to him, "If I have found favor in your sight, please stay; for experience has taught me that the Lord has blessed me for your sake.

<sup>28</sup>I will give to you any wage that you name."

<sup>29</sup>And Jacob said to him, "You know the manner in which I have served you, and how your livestock had been with me.

<sup>30</sup>What you had before I came was little, now it has increased to a large number. The Lord has blessed you since I came. Now, when will I provide for my own house also?"

<sup>31</sup>So he said, "What shall I give you?"

And Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything,

if you will do this for me, I will feed and tend your flocks once more.

<sup>32</sup>"Allow me to pass through all your flocks today, and remove the speckled sheep and those with spots; and all the brown lambs and the speckled and spotted goats; and such shall be my wages.

<sup>33</sup>So my righteousness will answer for me in the future when the subject of my wage comes to you.

Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the lambs, will be considered stolen if it is with me."

<sup>34</sup>And Laban said, "Let it be as you have

spoken."

<sup>35</sup>So he removed that day the speckled, the spotted and the ringstraked goats, both male and female, and also all the brown lambs, and gave them into the hands of his sons.

<sup>36</sup>Then they departed from Jacob, the distance of a journey of three days; and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

*@Jacob the name, usurp the game; he used rods of green with peeled strips of white, so when the flocks conceived at the water troughs,*

*they would be speckled and his by rights.*

*Jacob increased; yes, he was rich with livestock and maids and asses.*

*The strong livestock conceived among the rods, but the weak were Laban's losses.*

<sup>37</sup>Jacob took rods of poplar that were green, and of the hazel and chestnut tree he peeled white strips in them so the white in the rods were exposed.

<sup>38</sup>He set these rods before the flocks in the water trough, so that they would conceive when they came to drink.

<sup>39</sup>So the flocks conceived before the rods, and they brought forth, speckled, spotted and streaked.

<sup>40</sup>And Jacob separated the lambs, and made the flocks face towards the streaked, and all the brown in Laban's flock, but he put his own flock by themselves; he did not put them with Laban's flock.

<sup>41</sup>And so, when the stronger livestock conceived,

Jacob laid the rods in the gutters, before their eyes, that they might conceive among the rods.

<sup>42</sup>But he did not do this to the feeble flocks. So the feeble ones were Laban's and the stronger his.

<sup>43</sup>Thus Jacob increased exceedingly; yes, he was rich, with male and female servants and asses.

He had much livestock and camels with them, but the weak were Laban's losses.

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *If you burden your spouse with unreasonable and impossible requests, you will make their best efforts a weight and your marriage a burden.*
2. *It is not wise to compare yourself with others, seek God to bring out the unique deposits in you.*
3. *If you seek a quarrel it will extend your pain, the other party will strike back. If you plan a fight be prepared to face the offspring.*
4. *Your marriage has hit a low when intimacy becomes the object of trade.*
5. *Intimacy is not a bargaining tool; whether in or out of marriage there is only one word to describe the sale of intimacy, Prost.....n. The same applies when intimacy is withheld because some other need or want (the price) is not satisfied.*
6. *Your personal fight should be settled in heaven since only heaven can satisfy your real need.*

*Ask God to remember you since the smile of heaven settles all your struggles.*

7. *You will regret the day you strike a bargain with a deceiver; it may sound good to you but it will never be good for you.*
8. *You will regret the day you leave your business in the hands of a deceiver, even if you know them, do the necessary background checks.*
9. *Never ignore the name; the name may direct the game or the game may follow or be led away by the name.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, I have tried to do it my own way and I have failed, please remember me, in the name of Jesus.
- Father in Heaven help me not to wrestle with people I should be loving, in the name of Jesus. Let every wrestling between brethren in the body of Christ be fanned away by the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- King of Glory, let heaven reward me with breakthrough ideas for every injustice meted against me, in the name of Jesus. And let the God within me keep me honest, in Jesus name.
- Lord God of heaven and earth, channel to me all the resources I need to fulfil the mandate upon my life in the name of Jesus. I declare that I am a candidate to steward the wealth You will redistribute from those who will not honor You with it, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**A**LL the rams that leap are speckled; I have given all to you.  
**Speckled all, ringstraked and grizzled,**  
**Now it is time to go.**  
**The face of the times is changing fast;**  
**Laban's face has changed to wrath.**  
**Ten times he has changed your wage, but know,**  
**To Canaan, the promise, you must go.**  
**See! All the rams are speckled,**  
**He can do nothing to you.**

### GENESIS 31

- <sup>1</sup>Jacob heard Laban's sons say, "Jacob has taken all that were our father's away. From our father he has acquired all this wealth."  
<sup>2</sup>And Jacob saw that the look on Laban's face, did not favor him as before.  
<sup>3</sup>Then the Lord said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your father and relatives, and I will be with you."  
<sup>4</sup>So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to him, to his flock in the field,  
<sup>5</sup>and said to them, "I see your father's countenance; it is no longer favorable towards me, but the God of my father has been with me.  
<sup>6</sup>"And you know I have served Laban with all my might,  
<sup>7</sup>yet your father has deceived me, and changed my wages ten times, but the Lord did not permit him to hurt me.  
<sup>8</sup>"If he said, 'Your wage shall be the speckled',

then all the flocks bore speckled. If he said, 'The ring-streaked shall be your wages', then all the flocks bore ring-streaked.  
<sup>9</sup>So the Lord has taken away all the livestock that had been your father's and has given them to me.  
<sup>10</sup>"And at the time the cattle conceived, I lifted my eyes and saw in a dream, and indeed, all the rams which leaped on the flocks were ring-streaked, speckled and grizzled.

<sup>11</sup>"And the angel of the Lord spoke to me in a dream, saying, 'Jacob.' And I said, 'Here I am.'  
<sup>12</sup>And He said, 'Lift up your eyes now and see. 'All the rams which leap on the cattle are ring-streaked, speckled and grizzled; for I have seen all that Laban has done to you.  
<sup>13</sup>I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar, and where you vowed a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of this land and return to the land of your relatives."

*@To the land of the promise go.*

*The God who met him on his journey coming down was now ordering his return.*

<sup>14</sup>Then Rachel and Leah both answered him, "Is there still any portion here for us in our father's house?"

<sup>15</sup>"Are we not counted as strangers to him? For he has sold us and devoured our money.  
<sup>16</sup>For all the riches that God has taken from our father belongs to us and to our children too; therefore, whatever God has said to you, this do."

<sup>17</sup>Then Jacob rose up, and set his wives and his sons on camels.

<sup>18</sup>And he carried with him all his livestock and all his possessions which he had gained and acquired in Padan-aram, and he departed to go to his father in the land of Canaan.

<sup>19</sup>Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel had stolen the idols that belonged to her father.

<sup>20</sup>And Jacob stole away, unknown to Laban the Syrian; he did not tell him he was leaving.  
<sup>21</sup>So he fled with all his possessions. He arose and crossed over the river, and he then moved towards the mountains of Gilead.

<sup>22</sup>And on the third day Laban was told Jacob fled.

<sup>23</sup>Then Laban took his brethren with him and was up and away.

He pursued Jacob, a journey of seven days. In Mount Gilead he overtook him.

<sup>24</sup>But the Lord God had appeared to Laban in a dream by night;

He said to him, "Take care that you do not speak to Jacob, neither good nor bad."

<sup>25</sup>So Laban overtook Jacob.

And Jacob had pitched his tent in the mountains.

In Mount Gilead Laban and his brethren also

pitched.

<sup>26</sup>Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done, that you have stolen away in secret without a word, and have carried away my daughters as when captives are taken with the sword?"

<sup>27</sup>"Why did you flee away secretly, and steal away from me without telling me? I would have sent you away with laughter and songs, and with timbrel and harp.

<sup>28</sup>"And you have not allowed me to kiss my sons and daughters.

In so doing, you have done foolishly.

<sup>29</sup>"It is in the power of my hand to harm you, but last night I was met by your father's God. He said, 'You must take heed that you do not speak to Jacob, either good or bad.'

<sup>30</sup>"And though you need to go because you miss your father's household, why have you stolen my gods?"

<sup>31</sup>Then Jacob answered Laban and said, "Because I was afraid, for I said, 'Perhaps you would take your daughters by force from me.'

<sup>32</sup>"Now whomever you find with your gods, let him not live; kill that person.

In the presence of our brethren, determine what is yours, and take all that you identify that is yours." Rachel had the images but Jacob did not know.

<sup>33</sup>And Laban went into Jacob's tent, into Leah's tent, and into the maid servants' tents also,

but he did not find them, so into Rachel's tent he went.

<sup>34</sup>Now Rachel had taken the idols she had stolen and placed them in the camel's saddle, and on them she sat.

And Laban searched all the tent, but he did not find them.

<sup>35</sup>And she said, "My lord, I do not rise, but let it not displease you, for the custom of women is on me now." And he searched, but he did not find the idols.

<sup>36</sup>And Jacob chided Laban, for he was angry with him.

And he said, "What is my trespass? What is my sin that you have so hotly pursued me?"

<sup>37</sup>"You have searched all my belongings, what of your belongings have you found?"

Set it here before our brethren, mine and yours, that they may judge between us both.

<sup>38</sup>"These twenty years I have been with you, your ewes and your female goats, have not cast their young.

The rams of the flock I did not eat;

<sup>39</sup>I did not bring to you that which was torn by beast, but I bore the loss of these; you required it of my hand.

Whether stolen by day or night, the loss belonged to me.

<sup>40</sup>"I was there; consumed by the heat in the day, and consumed by the frost by night.

My sleep departed from my eyes.

<sup>41</sup>"Even so, I have been in your house for twenty years.

I served fourteen years for your two daughters, and for the livestock I served six more.

You have changed my wages ten times, but the God of my father has been sure.

<sup>42</sup>Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had been with me, you would have sent me away empty. But God has seen my affliction and my labor, and has rebuked you last night."

<sup>43</sup>And to Jacob, Laban replied, "These daughters and children are mine, and this livestock is my livestock; all you are looking at belongs to me.

But what can I do to my daughters and to the children they have borne?"

<sup>44</sup>Now therefore let us make a covenant, you and I, and let it be a witness between us both."

<sup>45</sup>So Jacob took a stone and set it up for a pillar.

<sup>46</sup>Then Jacob told his brethren to gather stones.

And they took stones and made a heap, and on the heap they ate.

<sup>47</sup>Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha, but Jacob called it Galeed.

<sup>48</sup>And Laban said, "This heap is a witness between us this day."

Therefore, Galeed it was named,

<sup>49</sup>and also Mizpah, for he said, "May the Lord watch between you and me, when from each other we are away.

<sup>50</sup>"If you afflict my daughters in any way, or take other wives with them, although no man is with us, see, the Lord is witness between you and me."

<sup>51</sup>Then Laban said to Jacob, "Here is this heap and this pillar, I have placed between you and me.

<sup>52</sup>"This heap and this pillar are witnesses that I will not pass over this heap to you for harm, neither will you pass over this heap and this pillar to me for harm."

<sup>53</sup>"The God of Abraham and of Nahor, the God of their father judge between me and you."

And by the Fear of his father, Isaac, Jacob swore.

<sup>54</sup>Then Jacob offered sacrifice on the mountain, and he called his brethren to eat bread.

And they ate and remained all night on the mountain.

<sup>55</sup>Early in the morning Laban arose, and he kissed his sons and daughters, and he blessed them also.

Then he left and went to his place.

*@He came in wrath but left in peace; for though all the rams were grizzled, God had warned him, and he could not speak.*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The blessing of God overwhelms every act of deception or dishonesty; be completely honest, pay your taxes, enjoy the blessing.*
2. *How can they block your blessing when God covers every avenue, ringstraked, grizzled, speckled and plain?*
3. *They may set you up for failure, but if they ignore your set up, they set themselves up for embarrassment. They may have power to change your wage, but they have no power to change your Shield and your Exceedingly Great Reward.*
4. *Why do they think they are your employer? It is always, 'as unto God'.*
5. *When you cannot go forward and you cannot look back, look up; the One who controls time will direct your next move.*
6. *Always play for the eyes of God and His purpose in your life because you may need Him for your next play.*
7. *Worry about God and He will worry your enemy. Speak up to God and He will shut up your enemy.*
8. *The enemy will have an excuse to harass your camp if you have things of the enemy in your camp; the enemy will try to possess you if you hold on to his possession. Jesus said, "The enemy came but found nothing in Me."*
9. *The oppressor will strip you if he has the power; you give him a voice if you play with other gods, his gods.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- By the power in the blood of Jesus Christ, let the voice of the enemy speaking against my life be silenced, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Father, rebuke the devourer for my sake and everyone secretly planning my harm, in the name of Jesus.
- I declare by the Holy Ghost and fire that I shall not lose any of my hard labor in the name of Jesus, and none of my gains shall be stolen. Amen.
- Lord Jesus, when my way is blocked by the enemy before and behind, I look to You; You are my way, amen. Lord Jesus, when the facts are mind-boggling, I look to You; You are my only truth. Amen.
- Father God I renounce and remove everything in my life that belongs to the enemy, in the name of Jesus. Every thought, character, desire, lifestyle or property of the devil in my life, be washed away by the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- Thank You Father for being my shield and my exceedingly great reward; help me to do it only for Your eyes, as unto You, knowing the enemy has no true intent to let go, neither can man pay me my true value to the kingdom. Amen.

**WHEN our spirit speaks with urgency,  
When life brings to us a test,  
When God's presence brings to us relief,  
Will not let go until I am blessed.  
Power with God to prevail,  
When the spirit has to wrest  
If needs be, beyond the break of day,  
In prayer one must travail and stay;  
No letting go until I am blessed.**

### GENESIS 32

*@No letting go until I am at peace;  
until I am free I have relief  
until the Lord God touches me,  
until a blessing is released.*

<sup>1</sup>The angels of God met Jacob as he went on his way.

<sup>2</sup>When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is the host of God", so he named the place Mahanaim.

<sup>3</sup>Then Jacob sent messengers to Esau, in the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

<sup>4</sup>He commanded them, saying, "Say to my lord Esau, 'Your servant Jacob has come. He says, "I have been dwelling with Laban and have dwelt there until now.

<sup>5</sup>"I have oxen, donkeys, flocks and servants, both male and female; and I have sent to tell my lord, that in your sight I may find grace.'"

<sup>6</sup>The messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "To your brother Esau we came.

Esau is coming to meet you, and with him he has four hundred men."

<sup>7</sup>So Jacob was very afraid and he was distressed.

*Esau comes, but why the army of 400 men?*  
He had no time to waiver, so he devised a plan.

He divided the people with him and the flocks, herds and camels, into two bands.

<sup>8</sup>If Esau comes and attacks one company, the other company will flee, and therefore the other company shall escape."

<sup>9</sup>Then Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the God who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your relatives, and with you I will deal well.'

<sup>10</sup>"I am not worthy of the least of Your mercies, and of all the truth which You have shown me,

for with my staff I have crossed over Jordan, and now I am become two companies.

<sup>11</sup>"Deliver me from my brother's hand, I pray, and from the hand of Esau, for I fear him terribly,

lest he comes and attacks me and the mothers and children too.

<sup>12</sup>For You said, 'I shall surely do you good, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'"

<sup>13</sup>That same night he lodged there, and took for his brother a present of what was close at hand:

<sup>14</sup>two hundred female goats, and two hundred male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

<sup>15</sup>thirty milk camels with their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten foals.

<sup>16</sup>Then he delivered them to his servants, each

drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass over before me, and between each drove put a little space."

**17**He commanded the first one, saying, "When my brother Esau meets you and he says to you, 'Who are you? Where do you go? And who do these belong to?'"

**18**Say, "To your servant Jacob they belong; it is a present sent to you, Esau my lord; and behold he is behind us now."

**19**And so he commanded the second, the third, and all those who were with the droves, saying, "Speak in this manner to Esau when you find him;

**20**and also say, 'Behold your servant Jacob is behind us.'" For he said, "I will appease him with the presents that I send ahead of me, and afterwards his face I shall see; perhaps then he will accept me."

**21**So the present went on over before him, but he himself lodged that night with the company.

**22**That night he arose and he took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons, and over the ford of Jabbok he crossed.

**23**He sent them over the brook, and with them, all that he had.

**24**And Jacob was left alone.

*@Cannot go back, nowhere to go!  
Alone, afraid, distressed and sad;  
alone when things were really bad;  
separated, distraught, pouring out his heart;  
away from men, alone with God.*

Alone no more, a Man has come.

Jacob held on to Him in desperation

Until day break, no letting go.

*Prevail I must, I need it so!*

**25**When He saw He did not prevail, the Man touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh; yet Jacob wrestled on though his hip came out of joint.

**26**"Let Me go!" He said; "for the day now breaks."

"I will not let You go!" Jacob said. "No letting go until I am blessed! Unless You bless me I will still wrest!"

**27**So He said to him, "Now tell Me, what is your name?" He said, "Jacob."

**28**Then he heard Him say, "You shall no longer be called Jacob. From this day Israel shall now be your name. For as a prince you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."

*@Prevailing prayer positively pays;  
no letting go through storm or hail.*

**29**"Please tell me Your name?" Jacob asked Him then.

"Why do you ask My name?" He said. And He blessed Jacob there.

**30**So Jacob named the place Peniel,

for he said, "I have seen God face to face, and indeed my life is spared."

**31**As he passed over Penuel, on him the sun arose, and on his hip he limped.

**32**Therefore to this day, the children of Israel do not eat the muscle that shrank, which is on the socket of the thigh, for He touched the socket of Jacob's hip in the muscle that shrank that night.

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *Not because you heard from God means it will not get worse; when your greatest fear advances to meet you, anchor your confidence and hope on the word of God.*
2. *Our storms may look formidable to us but miniscule and insignificant in the eyes of God. Never let your storms deceive you to look away from God; you heard Him correctly first time.*
3. *Your gift pacifies anger and gives you favor where it matters most. God will use your generosity to intervene on your behalf. You give the gifts, God works the heart.*
4. *Deploy strategies that soften or weaken the opposition. Hit them where they least expect it; nothing perplexes like a deceiver's or usurper's generosity.*
5. *When you are in trouble pray; until your spirit is settled stay.*
6. *Prayer combined with generosity is a twin force that moves heaven.*
7. *All night is all-right; sleep makes weak.*
8. *Hold on until something breaks; keep praying until your breakthrough.*
9. *It is best to limp in victory, than to be dead strong in defeat.*
10. *You have prevailing power; change your game until He registers, or changes, your name.*
11. *Prayer strips away all deception and reveals your true strength.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Father God, give me the strategies that will break down the walls of my strong enemies, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Make me a prayer addict, O Lord, and let me never be rehabilitated, in the name of Jesus.
- O Lord God Most High, give me the spirit of resilience in prayer until I have prevailing power with both God and man, in the name of Jesus.
- Merciful God, give me the touch that will rearrange my life, my destiny and my history, in the name of Jesus.
- O God my Father, let the spirit of grace that brings favor, forgiveness, mercy and restoration, fall upon me in abundance, in the name of Jesus.
- God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, intervene in my affairs and deal well with me, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God let every deceptive and weak area of my life be stripped away on my knees and let my true strength with You and among men be revealed, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**F**OUR hundred men strong they will come,  
But your strength is with the Lord.  
Four hundred men strong, but when all is

**done the tears will say it all.  
Four hundred men ready for war;  
This was the moment they were waiting  
for.  
But Esau ran; they kissed, wept and  
embraced.  
The emotions swept 400 men away.  
For Jacob's battle was already won,  
Not with 400 but with One.**

### GENESIS 33

<sup>1</sup>Jacob lifted up his eyes and saw Esau then; he came and with him were four hundred men.

So he divided the children between Rachel, Leah and the two maid servants.

<sup>2</sup>He placed the maid servants and their children first in line, then Leah, then Rachel and Joseph behind.

<sup>3</sup>He then crossed over before them then, and seven times to the ground, he bowed himself.

He did this until he came near to his brother.

<sup>4</sup>But Esau ran to meet him and they embraced.

He then fell on his neck, and kissed him and together they wept.

*@While four hundred pairs of surprised, teary eyes looked on.*

*Jacob's battle was already fought and won.*

*They saw Esau's heart change, but they could never see*

*Jacob's fight the night before on a different battlefield.*

<sup>5</sup>When Esau lifted up his eyes, he saw the women and children;

"Who are these with you?" he asked him then. "The children God has graced me with," Jacob said.

<sup>6</sup>Then the maid servants came near with their children and bowed themselves.

<sup>7</sup>Then Leah and her children came and bowed,

and Joseph and Rachel came near and also bowed.

<sup>8</sup>Then Esau said, "What do you mean by the droves I met?"

"These are to find favor with you," Jacob said.

<sup>9</sup>And Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; what you have keep."

<sup>10</sup>And Jacob said, "No, please, if I have found favor with you, take this blessing of me; inasmuch as I have seen your face as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me.

<sup>11</sup>"Please, take my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me and I have enough."

So he urged him and he took them from Jacob.

<sup>12</sup>And Esau said, "Let us take our journey and go, and I will now go before you."

<sup>13</sup>But Jacob said to him, "The children are tender, my lord, you know,

and I have herds and flocks with young also; if we overdrive them in one day all the flocks will die.

<sup>14</sup>Please let my lord go on ahead before his servant, I will continue slowly behind, just as the livestock and children can endure, until I come to my lord at Seir."

<sup>15</sup>*Of the 400 men who were his strength,* he offered to leave some behind to be Jacob's help.

But Jacob said, "There is no need; in your sight let me find grace."

<sup>16</sup>So with his four hundred men Esau returned on his way to Seir.

<sup>17</sup>Jacob journeyed to Succoth where he built a house, and made booths for his livestock; therefore the place is called Succoth.

<sup>18</sup>And Jacob came safely to a city of Shechem, in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan Aram, and before the city he pitched his tent.

<sup>19</sup>And he bought the parcel of land where he had pitched his tent for one hundred pieces of silver from the children of Hamor, the father of Shechem,

and upon it he spread his tent.

<sup>20</sup>And he erected there an altar, and called the name El-Elohe-Israel.

*@An altar of worship, for by experience, he knew the victories that emanate from the Lord's presence.*

*Build an altar of thanksgiving, for in worship there is strength.*

*Esau came and left with his 400 men.*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Difficult matters are made easy through ardent prayers.*
2. *Why exert physical energy when you can assign angels?*
3. *If your battle is not against flesh and blood then your battlefield is not a physical place and your weapon not a carnal tool.*
4. *Love, tears and embrace replace hostility when you come in the anointing.*
5. *When you struggle with angels in the night, men will wonder at your breakthroughs in the day.*
6. *Break them down from the inside with soft answers, a gift in secret and prayers.*
7. *You attack the strength of the opposition when you target the spirit of opposition, not the force of the opposition (400 men).*
8. *You know you have power with God when your hostile enemy becomes your protective shield, or desires to be.*
9. *Construct your altar today El-Elohe- (your name); indeed the God of Israel is personal.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, I renounce and relinquish everything in my life that prevents You from fighting my battles, in Jesus name.
- Great problem solver, great burden bearer, the God who calms troubled waters, please calm the storms in my life, in the name of Jesus.
- Father, in the name of Jesus, dispatch Your host of angels to fight against every spirit that

- opposes me and my destiny, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God I align my ways to You so that my hostile opponents will become my submissive friends, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- God of wisdom, knowledge and understanding, give me the divine wisdom to break down my enemies from the inside and to vanquish the spirit of opposition that energises their hostility, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord Jesus, I commit my entire body, soul and spirit into Your hands, and construct my altar to You my God, El-Elohe; deal with me according to your righteousness, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**SISTERS, have you been caused offense?  
Brothers shall come to your defense.  
Sisters, have you suffered wrong?  
Justice shall come; it will not be long.**

**GENESIS 34**

<sup>1</sup>Dinah, Jacob's daughter, who of Leah was born, went out to see the daughters of the children of the land.  
<sup>2</sup>But when the prince of the country, Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, saw her, he took her to bed; she was defiled.  
<sup>3</sup>After doing the evil act, Shechem ached for her; his soul was fixed on Dinah, Jacob's daughter, indeed he was in love.  
 He spoke kind words to her therefore.  
<sup>4</sup>And Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, "Get me this young woman as a wife father, I ask this of you please."  
<sup>5</sup>Now when Jacob heard he defiled Dinah his daughter, he held his peace; for his sons were with the livestock in the field so he left it until they came.  
<sup>6</sup>Then Hamor the father of Shechem went out to speak with Jacob.  
<sup>7</sup>Eleven angry men were Jacob's sons. In Israel, this was disgraceful; this folly should not be done.  
 For when the sons of Jacob heard it, they came in from the field; an offense to a sister had left them very grieved.  
<sup>8</sup>Angry men listened, as they heard Hamor say, "My son loves Dinah; let her be his wife I pray."  
 Angry men must take a stand.  
 As he said, "Make marriages with us, dwell in our land.  
<sup>9</sup>"Make marriages with us; give your daughters to us and take of our daughters for your wives.  
<sup>10</sup>"So you shall dwell with us in all the land, in any place.  
 Stay here and trade, acquire property here, let us integrate."  
<sup>11</sup>To her father and brothers Shechem pleaded,

"Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you ask me I will give.  
<sup>12</sup>"Ask me the dowry you desire, any gift, and I will give likewise.  
 Just let me have the young woman for my wife."  
<sup>13</sup>Angry men spoke to Shechem and Hamor in deceit,  
<sup>14</sup>"This is against our just belief.  
 To give a sister to one who is uncircumcised, would be a reproach in our eyes.  
<sup>15</sup>"You may have her, but just one way: circumcise you must and also every male.  
<sup>16</sup>"You must become as we are.  
 Circumcise all, else we shall all go.  
 Then we will give you our daughters, and your daughters we will take;  
 and we will dwell with you, and become one people then.  
<sup>17</sup>"If you will not be circumcised as we ask, we will take our daughter and be gone."  
<sup>18</sup>Their words were pleasing to Hamor and Shechem, his son;  
<sup>19</sup>so the young man did not delay to have it done.  
 He was more honorable than his house, and Dinah was his delight;  
 do what he must, this he would do to set things right.  
<sup>20</sup>When Shechem and Hamor his son came to the city gate, they spoke to the men of the city, saying:  
<sup>21</sup>"These men are at peace with us, let us let them stay, let them dwell in the land and also trade. The land is large enough.  
 Let them marry to our daughters and we to theirs.  
<sup>22</sup>"But only on this condition will they consent to stay, if we circumcise among us every male as they are circumcised as well.  
<sup>23</sup>Will not their livestock, their property and all their animals be ours? Only let us consent to them in this."  
<sup>24</sup>All who went out of the city obeyed Hamor and Shechem his son.  
 Every male was circumcised who from the city gate went out.  
*@Sister, have you been caused offense?  
Simeon and Levi to your defense.*  
<sup>25</sup>It came to pass, on the third day when the men were sore, Simeon and Levi came boldly upon the city with their swords, and they killed all the males.  
<sup>26</sup>They killed Hamor and Shechem with the sword, and took Dinah from Shechem's house and went out.  
<sup>27</sup>Then the sons of Jacob came upon the deceased, and plundered the city, because their sister was defiled.  
<sup>28</sup>They took the sheep, the oxen, and the



donkeys in the city and in the field.

<sup>29</sup>They took all the wealth, and all their little ones and wives captive;

and they plundered all that was in the houses.

<sup>30</sup>And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have troubled me by making me a stench among all the people of the land. Among the Canaanites and the Perizzites and since I am few, they will gather against me and destroy me, both me and my household."

<sup>31</sup>But they replied, "Should a sister be troubled, and we are not?"

Should a sister be taken for a harlot?

Should a sister be made to feel offense and brothers not plead for her defense?"

*@As they acted in this manner, they showed it was much worse*

*not to defend a sister, than to put safety first.*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. When you play in enemy territory it is no sport, the enemy will possess you.
2. A honorable rapist that is more honorable than his household spells disaster.
3. Even if it is consensual, do not take it then seek to ratify it afterwards; honor God and He will honor you.
4. The temptations you surrender to before marriage will be the struggles you experience throughout marriage; the principles you ignore before marriage will become your violent opponents in marriage.
5. By territorial law, the kingdom you submit to owns you and everything you have; this rule was argued by Shechem to get his men to agree to painful circumcision.
6. Where are the brothers and sisters who will be strident in defence of the bruised, the hurting and the weak among us?
7. A holy nation has no place, part or union with idol worshippers and immoral men; you cannot become a part of what God has designated you to replace.
8. The trouble that is brewing may be the chariot from heaven to rescue your destiny; keep looking upwards.
9. You got it now(trouble) but one day you will get it (understanding). Your source of vexation may be divine intervention.

### PRAYER POINTS

- O God my Father, give me self-restraint in dealing with members of the opposite sex, in the name of Jesus.
- Father remove every lustful spirit from my heart, in the name of Jesus. Let every spirit of lust attacking me be fanned away by the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- My Father, my God, help me not to surrender to lustful temptations on the presumption or excuse of marriage, but to honor You completely in my dating, so You will honor me in marriage, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Lord God of Abraham, help me not to make any covenant with sinners that is inconsistent with my destiny and Your calling on my life; in the name of Jesus.
- O Lord God of hosts, most holy God, give me

a heart of integrity to keep every covenant I make, in the name of Jesus.

- Let every deceptive spirit attacking me or seeking to control me, receive the judgment fire of God now, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, I stand in defence of every sister or brother who has been wronged or abused. I call forth Michael and His warring angels to rise to their defence now, in the name of Jesus. Holy Spirit, comfort and restore them speedily. Erase every bitter memory and replace them with good ones, in the name of Jesus.

**In covenant, then in His care;  
All that will harm must retreat in fear.  
They will say, "Cannot go face them, and face God's horror;  
They are small in number, but... their God is terror!"**

### GENESIS 35

*@He is the God who came to me when I fled before;*

*when I fled from Esau, He was there for sure.*

<sup>1</sup>Then God said to Jacob, "Arise, go dwell in Bethel; make an altar to God there, who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau's face."

<sup>2</sup>And Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Put away the strange gods among you, purify yourselves.

*Time to be holy and different, and to make it seen, and to change your garments; it is time to be clean.*

<sup>3</sup>"Then let us arise and go to Bethel, and I will make an altar to God there, who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me all the way."

<sup>4</sup>So they took all the foreign gods they had, and all earrings from their ears, and placed them under the oak at Shechem, and Jacob hid them there.

<sup>5</sup>As they journeyed the terror of God was on the cities all around them, yes they knew, Jacob and his sons had departed, and they could not pursue.

*@God will protect purpose and everyone called by grace;  
anyone who will move to harm you, will know terror face to face.*

<sup>6</sup>So Jacob came to Luz in Canaan, which is Bethel by name; he and everyone with him.

<sup>7</sup>He built an altar there to God. He called the place El-Bethel, for there God appeared to him, when from his brother he fled.

<sup>8</sup>There Deborah, Rachel's nurse, died, and below Bethel under the oak tree she was buried; so they named it Allon-bachuth.

<sup>9</sup>Then God appeared to Jacob again, and had blessed him, when from Padan-aram he came.

<sup>10</sup>And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob, but your name shall be called Jacob no more, your name shall be Israel." So He called his

name Israel.

<sup>11</sup>And God said to him, “I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you and kings shall come from your loins.

<sup>12</sup>“I give you the land which I gave to Abraham and to Isaac, and to your descendants after you I give this land.”

<sup>13</sup>Then God went up from him, in the place where He talked with him.

<sup>14</sup>So Jacob set up a pillar of stone in the place where He talked with him, and he poured oil and drink offerings on it.

<sup>15</sup>And Jacob called the place where God spoke with him, Bethel.

<sup>16</sup>Then he moved from Bethel, and when they were only a little distance from Ephrath, Rachel labored in childbirth and her labor was hard.

<sup>17</sup>And so it was, when she was in hard labor, the midwife said to her, “Do not fear, Rachel; you will have this son also.”

<sup>18</sup>And as she was dying(for she died), she named her son Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin.

<sup>19</sup>Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath, that is, Bethlehem.

<sup>20</sup>And Jacob set a pillar on her grave; and to this day it is the pillar of Rachel’s grave.

<sup>21</sup>And Israel pitched his tent beyond the tower of Eder as he journeyed from there.

*@Careful Reuben; beginning of Jacob’s strength, maintain control!*

*The jealousy is over, Rachel is dead; let it go!*

<sup>22</sup>As Israel dwelt in the land, Reuben went and lay carnally with Bilhah, his father’s concubine; and Israel heard of it.

Now Jacob’s sons were twelve, and those twelve were:

<sup>23</sup>the sons of Leah: Reuben, Jacob’s firstborn; Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun;

<sup>24</sup>Joseph and Benjamin, the sons of Rachel;

<sup>25</sup>Dan and Neptali, the sons of Bilhah, Rachel’s maid servant;

<sup>26</sup>and Gad and Asher, the sons of Zilpah, Leah’s maid servant.

These were Jacob’s sons who were born to him in Padan-aram.

<sup>27</sup>Then to Isaac his father, at Mamre, Jacob moved, this was the same Kirjath Arba, or Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac dwelt.

<sup>28</sup>Isaac lived for a hundred and eighty years.

<sup>29</sup>And Isaac died, old and full of days, and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

*@Israel had God’s covenant, and by experience Israel knew:*

*when in covenant you are in His care; all those who will harm you will retreat in fear.*

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. When you are at a crossroad in life find the cross, lay down your load and surrender your life.
2. Let Bethel (the place you meet with God) be your first line of defence.
3. Work on your altar, it settles your history and unveils the mystery of your destiny.
4. Search your heart; remove every idol; if you want the full God, then give God the full you.
5. Some things must be buried, some things mortified; you will be surprised at the things you have been carrying all this time in your new walk of faith.
6. There is nothing as terrifying as the terror of the Lord; work the altar, the Lord will work the enemy.
7. Never name your children permanently based on your temporary problems or pain; name them to position them for their own bright future.
8. If your child is named at birth with the expectation that your husband will love you; he may surrender his birthright to do so.
9. Rachel is dead, her servant defiled, Leah is promoted, but, when you trouble your own house even if you justify it, you will inherit the wind.

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Father God, I lay aside every idol in my heart and fully surrender myself to You, in the name of Jesus.
- O Lord my God, You are my shield and my defence, and my strong wall of protection in the times of trouble.
- Lord of hosts, mighty God, let Your terror fall upon everyone who is plotting my harm, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, thank You for unrestricted access to Your throne; help me to value my prayer altar and to tabernacle there and not just resort.
- Let my prayer altar receive fresh fire from heaven now, in the name of Jesus.
- Father, help me to value everything You have given to me because of my new birth in Christ. Help me not to surrender my birthright in You for one moment of flesh or any other good excuse, in the name of Jesus.
- I reverse every negative name or pronouncement over my life and the lives of my children, even if it was justified in the moment, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**WHEN God makes you an “heir to stay,” And someone else stands in your way, God blesses you; and they will know You are here to stay, so they will peacefully go.**

**GENESIS 36**

<sup>1</sup>This is the genealogy of Esau, who is Edom.

<sup>2</sup>Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan:

Adah the Hittite, daughter of Elon and Aholibamah daughter of Anah the Hivite, the daughter of Zibeon.

<sup>3</sup>He also took Basemath, Ishmael’s daughter, sister of Nebajoth.

<sup>4</sup>And Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, and Basemath bore Reuel.

<sup>5</sup>Aholibamah bore: Jeush, Jalam and Korah. These were Esau’s sons who were born to him

in the land of Canaan.

<sup>6</sup>Then Esau took his wives, his sons, and his daughters, and every person of his household, his cattle, his animals, and all his possessions which he had gained in the land of Canaan, and went into the country, far away from his brother, Jacob's presence.

<sup>7</sup>Their wealth was too great for them to share the land, and their livestock were too many for the land to bear.

*@Though he was once filled with anger and with hate,*

*Esau was now happy to go, to give Jacob his rightful place.*

*When God makes you an "heir to stay" and someone else stands in your way, God blesses you, and they will know; the one you feared will peacefully go.*

<sup>8</sup>So Esau went to dwell in Mount Seir with all his wives.

Esau is Edom, the father of the Edomites.

<sup>9</sup>This is the genealogy of Esau in Mount Seir.

<sup>10</sup>These are the names of Esau's sons:

Eliphaz the son of Adah, Esau's wife, and Reuel the son of Basemath, Esau's wife.

<sup>11</sup>The sons of Eliphaz were: Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam and Kenaz, the total five.

<sup>12</sup>Timna was the concubine of Eliphaz, son of Esau; to him she bore Amalek. These were the sons of Adah, Esau's wife.

<sup>13</sup>These were the sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. These were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.

<sup>14</sup>These were the sons of Aholibamah, Esau's wife; she bore Esau: Jeush, Jaalam and Korah.

<sup>15</sup>And in Mount Seir, Edom grew in number. From him came many dukes:

Duke Teman, Duke Omar, Duke Zepho, Duke Kenaz,

<sup>16</sup>Duke Korah, Duke Gatam, and Duke Amalek. These were dukes of Eliphaz in Edom, all sons of Adah.

<sup>17</sup>Of Reuel, Esau's son, the dukes were four, Duke Nahath, Duke Zerah, Duke Shammah, and Duke Mizzah.

These were sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.

<sup>18</sup>The dukes of Aholibamah, Esau's wife were: Duke Jeush, Duke Jaalam, and Duke Korah.

<sup>19</sup>These were the sons of Esau, who is Edom, and these were their dukes.

<sup>20</sup>The sons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land,

were: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,

<sup>21</sup>Dishon, Ezer and Dishan.

These were dukes of the Horites, the sons of Seir, in the land of Edom.

<sup>22</sup>The sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam and Lotan's sister was Timna.

<sup>23</sup>The sons of Shobal were: Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho and Onam.

<sup>24</sup>Ajah and Anah were Zibeon's sons. It was Anah who found hot springs in the wilderness as he pastured the donkeys of Zibeon his father.

<sup>25</sup>Anah had two children; Dishon, and Aholibamah his daughter.

<sup>26</sup>Dishon had four sons: Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.

<sup>27</sup>Ezer's sons were: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan.

<sup>28</sup>Uz and Aran were the sons of Dishan.

<sup>29</sup>The dukes of the Horites were: Shobal, Zibeon, Anah and Lotan;

<sup>30</sup>Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. These were all dukes of the Horites in Seir.

<sup>31</sup>These are the kings who reigned in Edom before any king reigned in Israel:

<sup>32</sup>Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom in the city of Dinhabah.

<sup>33</sup>Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place when he died.

<sup>34</sup>He was succeeded by Husham of the land of the Temanites.

<sup>35</sup>Hadad the son of Bedad who smote Midian in the field of Moab succeeded him. The name of the city was Avith.

<sup>36</sup>When Hadad died, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place.

<sup>37</sup>When Samlah of Masrekah died, Saul of Rehoboth succeeded him.

<sup>38</sup>Baal-Hanan the son of Achbor succeeded Saul.

<sup>39</sup>Hadar succeeded Baal-Hanan after he died. The name of the city was Pau. His wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

<sup>40</sup>These are the dukes of Esau, eleven dukes came of him;

they were: Timna, Alvah, Jetheth,

<sup>41</sup>Aholibamah, Elah, and Pinon,

<sup>42</sup>Kenaz, Teman, and Mibzar,

<sup>43</sup>Magdiel and Iram.

These were the dukes of Edom, according to their dwelling places in the land of their possession.

Esau was the father of the Edomites.

*@Know you will expand and increase, kings will reign on your thrones*

*if you respect what God is blessing and you leave the blessed alone.*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Possess your possession by faith.
2. Serve the Lord faithfully and your enemy will serve you; seek the kingdom persistently and everything will be added.
3. Never have a mindset to share God's inheritance, it is not yours to share, it is God's.
4. God may defeat them with power, or He may defeat them with blessing, either way, they will go to their own place.
5. The enemy cannot withstand your prayers, keep praying.
6. Your possession is not the place for the opposition to your vision to settle; they must find their own place.

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Father God, let every Esau spirit expanding in my inheritance be fanned away by the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- O God my Father, let every stubborn person holding on to things that belong to me, let go and find their own place now, in Jesus' name.
- Lord God of Israel, I pray for the peace of Israel; let every person militating against the nation of Israel, be fanned away by the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- Mighty God, let every foreign spirit expanding in the possession of the church scatter and die, in Jesus' name. Amen.
- O God who turns hearts just as You bend rivers, change the heart of every Muslim, give them a divine encounter with You so they too will have an eternal hope, in the name of Jesus.

**D**REAM on, brother, dream on I say,  
 Though there are some who are filled with hate;  
 But all the things they say and do,  
 Cannot stop your dreams from coming true.

**GENESIS 37**

<sup>1</sup>Israel lived in the land in which his father was a stranger, in Canaan.  
<sup>2</sup>Joseph being seventeen years old went out with his brothers, to feed the flock. With the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives he went, and he brought back to his father a bad report of them.  
*Many colors is the way Israel's love was expressed;*  
<sup>3</sup>Joseph was the son of Israel's old age and therefore he loved him above the rest.  
*Many ways there were to let it out;*  
 Israel made Joseph a many-colored coat.  
<sup>4</sup>When his brothers saw what Israel did, how his father loved Joseph more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak to him in a peaceful way.  
*@A many-colored love had just made way for a burning multi-colored hate.*  
*Dream on brother, shhh...! Do not tell your dream; they will hate you more because of it.*  
<sup>5</sup>Joseph had a dream and he told it to his brothers and they hated him more because of it.  
<sup>6</sup>For he said to them, "Please hear this dream that I have dreamed:  
<sup>7</sup>"In the field we were, binding sheaves, and behold, my sheaf stood upright and yours stood all around, and to my sheaf, your sheaves bowed down."  
<sup>8</sup>"Shall you rule us, Joseph? Shall you indeed have dominion over us?" his brothers said.  
 And they hated him even more, because of his dream and because of his words.  
*@Dream on, brother; you are seeing far; did you say, "Sun, moon, and eleven stars?"*  
<sup>9</sup>Joseph dreamed another dream and this to

his brothers he told, saying, "I had another dream; to me the sun moon and the eleven stars bowed down."  
*Dream on, brother; but hold your tongue.*  
<sup>10</sup>He told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him, saying, "What is this you are dreaming, shall your mother and father and your brothers bow down to you?"  
<sup>11</sup>Joseph earned the envy of his brothers, but all he said his father Israel observed.  
<sup>12</sup>His brothers went to feed their father's flocks in Shechem.  
<sup>13</sup>And Israel said to Joseph, "Your brothers are feeding the flocks at Shechem, let me send you to them."  
 And he said, "Here I am."  
<sup>14</sup>Then he said, "See it is well with your brothers and the flocks, now Joseph, go, what you have discovered, come back and let me know."  
 So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron and to Shechem he went.  
<sup>15</sup>A certain man found him, wandering in the field.  
 He asked him saying, "What do you seek?"  
<sup>16</sup>"My brothers and the flocks," Joseph said.  
<sup>17</sup>He said, "They left for Dothan."  
 So Joseph went there and found them.  
<sup>18</sup>They saw him from a distance, before he came near, and they conspired against him to kill him there.  
<sup>19</sup>They said to each other, "The dreamer is coming, see!  
*"Let us lead him back to reality.*  
<sup>20</sup>"The dreamer is coming, let us kill him and throw his body in a pit; 'A wild beast has slain him', let us say this. Today we will see what all this means; what will become of all his dreams."  
<sup>21</sup>But Reuben heard and he delivered him, saying, "Let us not kill him."  
<sup>22</sup>He said to them, "Why shed blood? Why should you kill?  
 Cast him into a pit in the wilderness; do not lay a hand on him."  
 Reuben had hoped to spare the pain, and to bring Joseph back to his father again.  
<sup>23</sup>So it came to pass that when Joseph came, his brothers took his multi-colored coat away.  
<sup>24</sup>They took him and cast him into a pit. The pit had no water inside, it was empty.  
*If they felt guilt it was concealed;*  
<sup>25</sup>satisfied, they sat down for a meal. They lifted their eyes and saw a company of Ishmaelites.  
 They were coming from Gilead and going to Egypt with their camels bearing myrrh, balm and precious spices.  
 "Hey look! A company of Ishmaelites comes."  
<sup>26</sup>Judah said, "He is our brother and our flesh;  
 let not our hand be upon him to put him to

death.

What do we profit if we kill him and conceal his blood?

<sup>27</sup>“Let us not lay hands on him, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites.”

Together they agreed and took his advice.

*@What use are dreams when you are stalled: a big pitfall and four pit walls.*

*But then you see the colors change; you are taken out but hate remains.*

<sup>28</sup>Twenty shekels of silver, they paid the price; Joseph was sold to the Ishmaelites.

To Egypt bound, Joseph was carried; *saved from death but enslaved in life.*

<sup>29</sup>Reuben returned to the pit after they left.

Joseph was not in the pit; he was distressed.

<sup>30</sup>He returned to his brothers and said,

“The boy is gone, where shall I go?”

<sup>31</sup>They took Joseph’s coat and killed a goat, and dipped it in the blood.

*@A colored coat, now marred with blood, the colored coat of Israel’s love.*

<sup>32</sup>They took the coat of many colors, and to their father the coat they brought, saying, “We have found this. Is it your son’s coat or not?”

<sup>33</sup>He recognized it, “It is my son’s coat,” he said.

*A visual impression of a son now dead.*

“A wild beast has devoured him for sure; Joseph is torn to pieces without a doubt.”

<sup>34</sup>Israel put sackcloth on himself and tore his clothes,

and for many days, his son he mourned.

<sup>35</sup>From his sons and his daughters comfort came,

but Israel refused to be comforted, nothing could ease this pain!

Israel beheld the colored coat and wept;

“I shall go down to the grave mourning my son,” he said.

<sup>36</sup>Joseph was carried into Egypt, a merchant’s load;

and to Potiphar, Pharaoh’s captain, he was sold.

*@Distressed and in a foreign land, away from love, but dream right on.*

*For when by acts of life the colours change, by dreams and visions you will be sustained.*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Open partiality to any member of your household is a platform for grievous division in your household.*
2. *Partiality in judgment is unrighteous, partiality in love creates a fire-pot for hate.*
3. *Some dreams cannot be received by others until fulfilment.*
4. *The proposition of your dreams will raise up opposition to your dreams; be careful who you share them with.*
5. *Household enemies are very dangerous because they have access, knowledge, and they believe they have the rights.*
6. *The pit may be your fall but it is not your final.*
7. *Crush the spirit of envy before it matures, or it will*

*crush you.*

8. *Your dream is constant, your test is temporary, focus on your dream and you will outlast the test.*
9. *Their annoyance may be your conveyance; their hatred may be your pavement; they say, “So long, bye, bye”; you say, “Until then!”*
10. *They can’t live with you here, they will honor you there.*
11. *You may never ride on a cloud to your destiny, but on a slave carriage and through pits and prison.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- O God who answers the upright, look upon me in my distress, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Father God, help me to be impartial and objective at all times, with full understanding of the consequences, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- O God of Abraham, I receive every dream You have given me; they shall come to pass in my life, in the name of Jesus.
- Father, forgive everyone who has hurt me, in Jesus name.
- O Lord Jesus who forgave in the midst of Your pain, I forgive and release everyone who has trespassed against me, in Jesus’ name. Amen.
- Father God I commit my life to You, my destiny is in Your hands, guide me through my tunnels of darkness to that perfect day, in Jesus name.

**H**IS firstborn was called Er,  
And his firstborn erred.

**His name really meant, Watch,**  
But the vision he did not catch,

**For he chose a path of wickedness;**  
But the wage of sin is always death.

**Onan erred; Judah erred too; what is it**  
**with Tamar now?**

**He was... or was he, faced with a harlot in**  
**his house?**

### GENESIS 38

<sup>1</sup>At that time Judah went down to his brothers,

and went to a certain woman named Hirah, an Adullamite.

<sup>2</sup>There he saw the daughter of Shua, a certain Canaanite.

He married her and went in to her.

<sup>3</sup>She conceived and bore a son and he named him Er; *which means watchful.*

<sup>4</sup>She conceived again and bore a son, and she named him Onan.

<sup>5</sup>She again conceived and bore a third son, and he was named Shelah.

He was at Chezib when he was born.

<sup>6</sup>Then Judah took Tamar to be Er’s wife.

<sup>7</sup>But Er, Judah’s firstborn, was wicked in the Lord’s sight, and the Lord killed him because of his wickedness.

<sup>8</sup>Judah then said to his son Onan, “Go, marry Tamar to raise a heir up to your brother as is the custom.”

<sup>9</sup>But Onan knew the son would not be his, therefore when he went in to his brother’s

wife, he spilt the seed on the ground, so he would not raise up a heir to his brother.  
 10 This displeased God, so God slew him too.

11 Then Judah said, "Tamar, you shall remain a widow in your father's house until Shelah my son is grown."

So Tamar his daughter-in-law went to her father's house to reside, for Judah feared that just as his other brothers, Shelah too would die.

12 Tamar waited as time went by, until the daughter of Shua, Judah's wife, had died.

Judah was comforted, and so to his sheepshearers at Timnah he went; with him was Hirah the Adullamite, his friend.

13 Tamar was told that Judah was going to Timnah to shear his sheep, and in her heart a plan was conceived.

14 "I will take the widow's garment off, and once again be tender and soft, I will wrap myself and cover myself with a veil."

This she did, and she sat in an open place, when he would pass to Timnah on his way. For she said, "Shelah is grown and I am not made his wife;

how else am I to have a child?"

15 So Judah saw his daughter-in-law there in an open place and thought she was a harlot, for she had covered her face.

16 So he turned in to her by the way, saying, "Please let me come in to you."

For he did not know who she was, that in truth, she was his daughter-in-law.

She said, "What will you give me in exchange?"

17 He said, "A kid from the flock shall be your pay."

As a guarantee she desired a pledge.

18 He left his signet, bracelet, and his staff with her at her request.

All these items Tamar received; then Judah went in to her and she conceived.

19 She arose, departed and took off the veil, and put her widow's garment back on again.

20 And Judah sent the goat kid with his friend the Adullamite to receive his pledge and give her the hire.

21 "Where is the harlot?" he asked. She could not be found.

"She operates openly in this place?" "No there was none."

22 So he returned to Judah and told him the tale,

"The men said there was no harlot in that place."

23 So Judah said, "The staff and signet that bear my name, let her take them, lest we be put to shame. For I did send the young goat and she was not found."

24 But three months later he would know;

for to Judah it was told.

*Where is the harlot? She is in your house.*

"Tamar your daughter-in law has gone out of line, she has played the harlot and now she is with child."

Judah said, "Bring her out and let her be burned!"

*Abstain, a lesson that all must learn.*

25 *Where is the harlot? What has she sent?*

Oh no, my bracelets, my staff, and my signet!

She said, "I am with child by the man to whom these belong.

*Here is the tune, you sing the song."*

26 Judah acknowledged them and said in guilt, "She is no harlot, let her live.

She has been more righteous than I, because I did not give her to Shelah my child." And he did not know her intimately again.

27 When it was time for giving birth, twins were in her womb;

heirs raised unto Er, and not one but two.

28 When she was giving birth, the hand of one came out

and the midwife took a scarlet thread and tied it on the hand that came out, saying, "He indeed is first."

29 But he surprisingly drew back his hand, and his brother came out instead;

and she said, "How did you break through? This breach be on you!" Therefore he was named Perez.

30 Afterwards his brother came, and on his hand was the scarlet tread; he was named Zerah.

*Finally heirs to Er, after much drama.*

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *Whatever you do remember, God is looking and He judges the thoughts and the intent of the heart.*
2. *It may not be your brother's name but it may be your brother's soul, can you say like Paul, "I am free from the blood of all men."?*
3. *You are responsible for all your actions so act responsibly.*
4. *It may be done in private but there is no private sin; your private sin is a public mess waiting to happen.*
5. *You cannot outsmart accountability; time is measured on its axis; it will come back to smack, outsmart and smart you.*
6. *O how you would have loved for it to stay hidden; the best escape from embarrassment is to keep your closet clean.*
7. *Integrity is being the same person behind closed doors that you are in public. Integrity is not sitting at home wondering where the symbols of your authority (your staff and signet) are.*
8. *Before you judge the harlot in your house, take a look at her customers.*
9. *Before you judge the harlot in your house, judge the harlot in your heart.*
10. *Because I have done that, does not mean I am done. God is merciful; He has a way of working all things out for good.*
11. *God will judge the situation and preserve the destiny; let the kings of Judah testify.*

## PRAYER POINTS

- Father, give me the heart to cover my brothers and sisters and to preserve their Godly heritage, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord Jesus, I wash myself in Your blood; preserve my heart from transgression and my feet from slipping, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- I declare that I shall not surrender the symbols of my authority to harlotry, in the name of Jesus.
- O Righteous Judge, remove every spirit of judgment from my heart, instead let me be constantly surrendered to You as I judge myself by the standards of Your word, in Jesus name. Amen.

**T**HE eye of the master is on you;  
**“You make me blessed, do what you do.”**

**The eye of the master is on you;  
 Oh and yes! The eye of his wife too.  
 A prosperous man is in the house;  
 Potiphar left to him all that he owned.  
 “All that I have you shall oversee,”  
 For I will take a ride with prosperity.**

## GENESIS 39

<sup>1</sup>The Ishmaelites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, captain of the Egyptian guard.

<sup>2</sup>The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man, and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

<sup>3</sup>Potiphar saw, yes, he was shrewd, the Lord was with Joseph and did him good. The Lord made everything he did prosper in his hand;

<sup>4</sup>so Joseph found favor in the sight of his master, the Egyptian.

He made Joseph overseer of his house, and all that he had he placed under Joseph's control.

<sup>5</sup>And from the time he made Joseph overseer, the Lord blessed his house for Joseph's sake. The blessing of the Lord made his substance great.

The Lord blessed all he had in the house and in the field.

*I will invest in this blessing for maximum yield.*

<sup>6</sup>Potiphar took no responsibility and knew only what he ate; into Joseph's care he left everything else. Joseph was a handsome man and favored well.

*@In God's presence he wisely conducted himself. Joseph, the eye of the master is on you!*

He has been blessed because of all you do.

*@The eye of the master is on you!*

*And, Oh, yes! The eye of his wife too.*

<sup>7</sup>Someone was watching Joseph with great desire.

It was the eye of the master's wife.

She said to Joseph, “Lie with me.”

<sup>8</sup>But Joseph refused, saying, “What is with me in the house, my master does not know he has committed everything to me; he trusts

me so.

<sup>9</sup>“Above me there is none greater in his house. He has kept back nothing from me but you alone;

and it is just because you are his wife. I cannot do this, and sin against my God with this great wickedness!”

<sup>10</sup>Day after day she insisted and nagged, but Joseph did not give heed to carnally lie with her; he honored God.

*@Day after day, but do not give in.*

*All your gain is lost in one moment's sin.*

*Be careful, for the woman is obsessed!*

*Someone is out to have the blessed.*

<sup>11</sup>Be careful for the house is not safe!

*This is no normal business day.*

Not safe, for no other man is there, but a woman obsessed lurking somewhere.

Joseph went in to do his work.

*This was the time that she had been waiting for.*

<sup>12</sup>“I have you now, come lie with me!”

*Leave the garment and go; run, Joseph, flee!*

She took hold of his garment and she held on, but he ran outside and left it in her hand.

*@Has he denied me once again?*

*Well sweet revenge will ease my pain.*

<sup>13</sup>She then conceived an evil plan

when she looked at his garment in her hand.

<sup>14</sup>With her voice raised high, the woman cried; “That Hebrew came to mock me!” the woman lied.

“The amorous came to lie with me;

I cried, he ran, his garments; see!

<sup>15</sup>When I lifted my voice and cried,

he left his garment and fled outside.”

*@His lamp blown out as with a flame;*

*gone was his freedom and his good name.*

<sup>16</sup>She kept the garment until the master came home,

<sup>17</sup>and spoke to him these conniving words,

“The Hebrew servant you brought us came to mock me,” she said;

<sup>18</sup>“and when I lifted my voice, he left his garment with me and fled.”

*@Joseph, the wrath of the woman is on you.*

*Oh, and yes! The wrath of the master too.*

<sup>19</sup>When he heard the words that his wife spoke,

saying, “Your servant did this,” his anger was aroused.

<sup>20</sup>To prison sent, no help around;

to the place where the king's prisoners were bound.

*@What good are dreams when you are stalled?*

*A big pitfall and four cell walls!*

*Alone, abused, bound and depressed.*

*For what? For truth and innocence!*

*Sold by my brothers; now this has come.*

*Fear not, God is with you when you are down.*

<sup>21</sup>The Lord was with Joseph and showed mercy to him,

and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

**22**The keeper of the prison committed all the prisoners to Joseph's hand, and of everything done in the prison, he was in charge.

**23**The keeper of the prison did not look to anything Joseph did, for the Lord was with him and prospered him in everything.

*@Joseph, the eye of the keeper is on you; he trusted everything Joseph would do. The eye of the keeper is on you. And, oh, yes! The eye of the Lord your God too. Yes, the eye of the Lord is roving, and if you stand for truth, the eye of the Lord will rest steadfastly upon you.*

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *You may be treated as a common slave, but carry your dignity and humility; they will carry you when things get bad.*
2. *Your situation does not define you, the excellence in you defines your situation.*
3. *Do it as unto God and you will not lose heart; do it as unto God and He will set you apart.*
4. *There is only one remedy for sexual temptation, bolt '9.58'.*
5. *If you give in to the moment, you give up to the moment, just as Esau.*
6. *It is best to lose your position with man than to lose your place in God.*
7. *It is best to lose your shirt than to lose your salvation.*
8. *It is best to look stupid, than to be stupid.*
9. *Let integrity comfort you rather than confront you.*
10. *Love that kills what it cannot get is a wicked spirit.*
11. *Falsehood is a cancer that starts in eternity and eats your time in time; truth is a bulwark that holds in eternity and anchors you in time against the strongest wind and hottest fire. Refuse to live a lie.*
12. *Innocence does not mean you will not be adjudged guilty; faultless does not mean you will not be faulted. Maintain your appeal in the court of Heaven; behave wisely.*
13. *In prison does not mean you are a prisoner; not chained does not mean you are free. The worst prison is the prison of Sin; the worst penalty is eternal death.*
14. *Excellence is a spirit that distinguishes and dignifies in any place it is put on show, in prison or in the palace.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- O God who does all things well, give me the spirit of excellence so that I may exemplify You at all times, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Father God, give me the attitude that will set me apart and above, even in trying times, in the name of Jesus.
- O Rock of Ages, Eternal Shield, shield me from every grievous lie targeted against my destiny, in the name of Jesus.
- Most Holy God, let every malicious plot targeted against me return into the bosom of its owners in accordance with Your righteous decrees, in Jesus' name.
- I declare that I shall not surrender my destiny to the arms of fornication, or temporary

gratification, in the name of Jesus.

- God of distinguishing favor, be with me in my storms; give me favor in the dungeons of life. Amen.
- O God of heaven, O that you will prosper everything I do, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**T**ELL someone somewhere, remember me;

**I am in prison and I want to be free. I am captive bound; yes, I have a name But what good is it if I wear these chains? Honor and wealth can never satisfy; Freedom should be man's first 'soul cry'.**

**GENESIS 40**

**1**And after these things, the chief baker and chief butler of Pharaoh king of Egypt, incited his wrath; they offended him,

**2**Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, he placed them in prison, in the house of the captain of the guard.

**3**In the place where Joseph was found; *disconsolate, dejected, grief stricken, and alone.*

**4**The captain of the guard placed both men in Joseph's charge and he served them. They were in custody for a while.

**5**After a season both men, the butler and the baker, had dreams; both on the same night, what will this mean?

**6**When Joseph came in to them that morning, they were both sad.

**7**So he asked Pharaoh's officers, "Tell me, what is wrong?"

**8**They said, "We both had dreams and there is no one to interpret, and to reveal what they mean."

Joseph said, "Interpretation belongs to God. Please tell me the dreams."

*@Sold by his brothers and imprisoned; all hope seemed lost, but God was working all things together for good on his behalf.*

**9**The chief butler told his dream to Joseph, saying, "I saw a vine in my dream;

**10**and in the vine, there were three branches. It was as though it budded and then blossomed, and then ripe grapes came forth.

**11**"And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took them and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup.

And I placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand."

**12**Joseph said, "This is the interpretation, the branches are three days.

**13**"Within three days Pharaoh will lift your head and restore you to your place again. You will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand once more, as when you were his butler before."

**14**"But I am not satisfied, remember me. Tell the Pharaoh that I would be free.

**15**Stolen away from the Hebrews' land, I did nothing to be here in this dungeon.

*@When it is well with you, think on my name, I can never be satisfied in chains."*

**16**"Your dream is good, I will tell mine too:



white baskets, I saw three, just as you. The three baskets were on my head.” This the chief baker said.

<sup>17</sup>“They had baker’s meats to fill the mouth; and the birds came down and ate them out, directly from the basket on my head.”

<sup>18</sup>So Joseph answered and said.

“This is the interpretation of your dream: three days is what the three baskets mean.

<sup>19</sup>In three days Pharaoh will cut off your head and hang you on a tree; and from there your flesh, the birds will eat.”

<sup>20</sup>Two days then passed, and on day three it was Pharaoh’s birthday; he held a feast. He lifted the head of the chief butler then, and also the chief baker’s head.

<sup>21</sup>He said, “Bring the butler back; let him be restored.

Let him place the cup in Pharaoh’s hand once more.”

<sup>22</sup>And he hanged the chief baker then; it was just as Joseph had said.

*Tell someone, “Please remember me!”*

<sup>23</sup>The chief butler forgot, though he was set free.

*@Known in prison, but do you not see, I would rather be unknown and have my liberty. Not satisfied, how can you be; if you have gained the world, but you are not free?*

*How can one be satisfied with gain if grace has not removed the chains?*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. You are not too high to fall from grace; guard your heart. You are not too low to draw from grace; guard your heart.
2. Never block your heart to the source of your revelation, even if it is not packaged in your culture.
3. Revelations, discernment and interpretation belong to God, can you access Him?
4. Never be too lost in your prison that you cannot be found by the word of God; never be too overcome by your situation that you cannot help others in need to overcome.
5. It takes character to minister from your own place of need and desperation; God works through character, not charisma.
6. Your ministry will one day become your minister.
7. Do not fix your hope and expectation on man, they will forget you; keep your eyes on God, He never forgets.
8. People are usually too busy with their own burdens to be burdened with yours, you may have an ear but rarely a heart. God is never too busy; He carries burdens.

### PRAYER POINTS

- O God of Joseph and Daniel, give me the spirit of revelation in all wisdom; open up Your divine secrets to me, in the name of Jesus.
- O Lamb of God, give me the spirit of consistency in ministry, even in adversity, that exemplifies You, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- O God who forgave the thief on the cross, give me compassion that puts the need of others above

mine, in the name of Jesus.

- Father God, make me a true servant who puts people and duty first at all times, just as Your Son Jesus. Amen.
- God of Elijah, help me to identify and develop my own unique gifts, in the name of Jesus.

**HAVE you ever thought that all is gone? You feel forsaken by everyone. You look for hope but you find none; Then someone says, “Your day has come!” Forsaken he must have felt indeed, But after two full years Pharaoh dreamed.**

### GENESIS 41

<sup>1</sup>Two full years had come and past; the hope was dying in Joseph’s heart. Dream, Pharaoh, dream; where are you now? By a river bank, you are standing up.

<sup>2</sup>Dream, Pharaoh, dream; what do you see? Out of the river came seven fat cows that in a meadow eat.

<sup>3</sup>Then seven meager and skinny cows followed them out,

<sup>4</sup>and the skinny cows devoured the fat cows. Then Pharaoh awoke.

<sup>5</sup>Dream, Pharaoh, dream, a second time; a field with corn is in your mind.

Seven ears came up, they were on one stalk looking good and strong, that is what you saw.

<sup>6</sup>Then up came seven ears, blighted and lean; <sup>7</sup>they devoured the good ones. So Pharaoh woke up. It was a dream!

<sup>8</sup>Dream on, Pharaoh; what troubles you? Dreams of the night, what will you do?

He sent for the wise men of Egypt, and the magicians.

They have no answer, but dream right on.

<sup>9</sup>Dream on, Pharaoh; your chief butler has come;

“I remember my faults and things I have done.

<sup>10</sup>“How you in anger imprisoned me in the house of the captain of the guard, both me and the chief baker were placed in the prison ward.

<sup>11</sup>We both had dreams in one night; separate dreams, he and I.

<sup>12</sup>There was a young Hebrew there who interpreted, according to each of our dream he interpreted.

<sup>13</sup>They came to pass just as he said.

You restored me to my office, but the baker was hanged, in accordance with the Hebrew’s interpretation!”

*@Dream on, Joseph; Pharaoh has called for you; perhaps his dream will make yours come true!*

<sup>14</sup>Hurry, change your clothes, you must be shaved

Pharaoh calls for you; he requires haste.

<sup>15</sup>Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I have a dream with no one to tell what it means, but I heard that you can interpret dreams.”

<sup>16</sup>So Joseph said to Pharaoh, “It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

*@Not I, Pharaoh, not in my ways;*

*God answers dreams; give Him the praise."*

17As Joseph listened, Pharaoh told him of the seven lean that ate the fat as he stood there on the river bank.

18Of the seven cows that out of the river came; fine, looking fat, that in the meadow fed.

19How after them came up seven so very thin, such ugliness as in all Egypt he had never seen.

20How the thin cows ate up the fat cows;

21and that they had eaten the fat cows, you could never know,

they were still as meager. After this he awoke.

22And of the seven good ears of corn on one stalk,

23and of the seven thin ears blistered and small.

24And of how the thin ears of corn ate up the seven fat ones.

He said, "I sought interpretation from the magicians but no one could explain it to me."

25And Joseph said to Pharaoh, "Two dreams you saw; they both are one.

God has shown you what He is about to do.

26"The seven good cows are seven years, so are the seven good ears of corn,

27"also the seven thin and ugly cows and the seven blighted ears of corn. They are seven years of famine.

28"This is the thing I have spoken to Pharaoh, God has shown you what He is about to do.

29"Seven years of plenty, great abundance shall come;

this shall be throughout the entire land.

30"Then you will have seven years of famine, seven years of lack.

The seven years of famine will consume the land.

31"So severe shall this famine be, that the years of plenty shall not even be a memory.

32"The dream was repeated to Pharaoh two times,

because God has established this thing; it shall shortly come to pass."

33"Let Pharaoh find a man, discreet and wise, and over the land of Egypt, let him preside.

34"and let him appoint officers over the land to take a fifth of the food produced,

35and store it while the years are good.

Keep the food in the cities, lay the grain in store;

36"for the seven years of famine let it be reserved,

so that during the famine to come the land may be preserved."

37To Pharaoh and his servants the advice was good.

38Pharaoh said, "Can we find such a man as this, he is distinguished by the Spirit of God."

39Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Forasmuch as God has shown this to you;

there is no one as discreet and wise as you.

40Over my house, you shall now be;

only in the throne, shall I exceed you in authority.

By your word shall my people be ruled."

41And to Joseph Pharaoh said, "See, over all the land of Egypt, I have set you."

*Rise up, Joseph; your day has come!*

42Pharaoh placed his signet ring on Joseph's hand,

and in fine linen garments he clothed him then.

He placed a gold chain around his neck.

43And he had him ride in the second chariot he had;

they cried before him, "Bow the knee."

And so he was set over Egypt's land.

*@Certainly Joseph it pays to dream, though the process can be rough and mean.*

44Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your consent shall no man lift a hand or foot in the land of Egypt."

*Rise up, Joseph; this is your night:*

45Pharaoh gave to Joseph Asenath to be his wife.

She was the daughter of Poti-Pherah, the priest of On.

And so Joseph went out over all of Egypt's land.

46Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh, Egypt's king.

And he went out from the presence of Pharaoh, throughout all the land of Egypt then.

47In the seven years of plenty, the ground brought forth abundantly.

*@Rise up, Joseph; it is time for work.*

*Let all the food be gathered up*

*until the food you cannot count,*

*until you have gathered a good amount.*

48Throughout the land of Egypt Joseph went until the seven years of plenty were spent.

In every city he laid up the food of the surrounding fields.

49He gathered much grain, even as the sand of the sea;

until Joseph stopped the count; it was such a great amount.

50To Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine,

which Asenath, Potipherah's daughter, bore to him.

51And Joseph said, as he named them, "My firstborn shall be named Manasseh,

for God has made me forget all my toil and all my father's house alike."

52The second son he called Ephraim, for he said, "God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

53The seven years of plenty in Egypt came to an end;

54and the seven years of famine began to come, just as Joseph said.

The famine was in all the lands, but in the land of Egypt there was bread.

55When all Egypt was famished, the people

cried to Pharaoh's throne.

Pharaoh said, "Go to Joseph, what he says let it be done."

<sup>56</sup>The famine was over the face of all the earth; and Joseph opened his storehouses and to the Egyptians food was sold.

All countries came to Joseph to buy from his store.

And in Egypt the famine became severe.

<sup>57</sup>So people came to Joseph to buy grain from countries everywhere;

for the famine was severe in all the lands.

It was a famine that affected everyone.

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Some dreams are tested by time; some dreams are connected in time; the Person to connect the dreams will be the Person who controls dreams, destinies and time.*
2. *Your destiny helpers may be rightly positioned but preoccupied and have forgotten you.*
3. *You are distinguished and dignified by the problems you have a unique solution for.*
4. *Hold heaven in high regard for heaven holds all the answers.*
5. *God may promote you by favor, or he may promote you by the problem He creates for you to solve; all promotion comes from the Lord.*
6. *When all roads are blocked, God will move you into destiny on eagles' wings.*
7. *From the prison to the palace sounds like a joy ride, but it is the end product of integrity and committed discipline.*
8. *The discipline and wisdom that take you to the top is the discipline you need to stay there.*
9. *Work your revelation and it will work for you; be faithful with divine revelations and they will keep coming.*
10. *You may stop counting, but if you have a kingdom mindset you will never stop gathering; the kingdom will need it.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, let all the helpers You have assigned to my vision be mobilized now, in the name of Jesus.
- God of Heaven, King of all the earth, stir up divine confusion in this secular world on such a large scale that only You can be credited with the solution. Amen.
- All Knowing and the Only Wise God, give me breakthrough wisdom that will set me apart and distinguish me in this generation and beyond, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- O God my Father, let Your spirit of excellence that was upon Joseph and Daniel, fall upon me now, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, give me diligence to finish my task well, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- O Lord, help me to spot divine opportunities and to act decisively, in the name of Jesus.
- Miracle working God, help me never to take Your word lightly, but to work every revelation You give to me by faith, in the name of Jesus.

**F**ACE to face where hatred brewed,  
with the ones who once troubled you.  
If you should have the upper hand,  
would you forgive or do them wrong?  
Accusation, chains and hidden tears;

**their life delivered by godly fear.**

**Uncertain, fearful and confused.**

**Face to face, but they did not know with whom.**

### GENESIS 42

<sup>1</sup>When Jacob saw that in Egypt there was corn he said to his sons,

"Why do you look at each other?"

<sup>2</sup>"I have heard that in Egypt there is grain.

Get down and buy for us there, so that we may live and not die."

*@What he did not know as he made his case was to whom they would be coming face to face.*

<sup>3</sup>Off Joseph's brothers went, all ten of them.

<sup>4</sup>Gone without their brother Benjamin.

For Jacob said, "With Joseph gone, I will take no chance he comes to harm."

<sup>5</sup>And the sons of Israel went to buy grain among all who came to buy, for the famine was in the land of Canaan on every side.

<sup>6</sup>Joseph was governor over the land and it was he who sold to everyone; and before him, his brothers came and bowed to the ground.

<sup>7</sup>Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them,

but he acted as a stranger and spoke roughly then.

He said, "Where are you from?"

They said, "We have come to buy food, we are from the land of Canaan."

<sup>8</sup>Face to face they were recognized, but he made sure they did not realize.

<sup>9</sup>As his brothers all bowed down to him, Joseph remembered the dreams he had dreamt.

Joseph said, "You are spies, and you have come to assess the weaknesses of the land."

<sup>10</sup>They replied, "No my lord, your servants have come to buy food;

<sup>11</sup>We are all sons of one man, not spies but true."

<sup>12</sup>But he said, "No!" Then he said once more, "To see the weaknesses of the land you have come for sure."

<sup>13</sup>And they said, "We are twelve brothers, the sons of one man; the youngest is with our father today in Canaan.

Twelve sons we are and one is no more."

<sup>14</sup>But Joseph said, "You are spies indeed, I told you so!

<sup>15</sup>Know that you shall be proven by this; you shall not leave this place, by the life of the Pharaoh, except your younger brother comes.

<sup>16</sup>"Send one of you, let him bring your brother now.

You shall be kept in prison until he comes.

By the life of Pharaoh you are spies!

Unless your brother comes and your word is verified."

*@His brothers did not know, but this was but a*

*taste*

*of wrath fermented, face to face.*

17 Joseph placed them all together in prison for three days.

*But the fear of God would save the day.*

18 On the third day, Joseph said, "Hear! Do this and live, for God I fear.

19 "If you are honest men, let one of your brothers be bound here in prison, while the others take back grain for your homes.

20 "And bring your youngest brother to me; so your words will be verified, and so you shall not die."

21 Tears filled his eyes as Joseph heard them say these words,

"We are guilty for our brother for we saw the anguish of his soul.

He pleaded with us, but we would not hear; therefore this distress is come upon us here."

22 Reuben said, "Did I not say, 'Sin not against the child';

yet you would not hear? Now of us his blood is required."

23 They did not know that Joseph understood for he spoke to them through an interpreter.

*@Tears came to his eyes; No! They were running down his face.*

*They must not see him crying, but he must cry someplace.*

24 So he turned away from them and wept, and returned again to the business.

He took Simeon, and before their eyes he was bound.

25 And Joseph commanded his servants to fill their sacks with corn.

He said, "Return every man's money to his sack, and give them provision for the journey." And they did that.

26 They laid the load on the donkeys and departed.

27 And as one of them opened his sack to feed his donkey at the inn,

in the mouth of his sack he saw the money.

28 He lifted his voice to his brothers, and said, "The money has been restored to my sack that I paid!"

Then their hearts failed them and they were afraid.

They said to each other "What is this that God has done to us?"

29 To the land of Canaan they came, to their father Jacob.

They told him all that had happened to them, saying,

30 "The man who is lord of the country spoke roughly to us and called us spies.

31 But we said, 'We are honest men and not spies; in this we do not lie.

32 'We are twelve brothers, sons of one father, one is no more, he is passed away.

The youngest is with our father in the land of Canaan this day.'

33 Then the man said to us, 'This is how I will

know that you are true;

leave one of your brothers here with me and to your household take food.

34 "Bring your youngest brother to me, this way I shall know,

and I will deliver your brother; then you shall trade, you shall travel to and fro."

35 And as they emptied their sack, there every man's money lay,

and when they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were very afraid.

36 And Jacob said to them, "Of my children, you have bereaved me;

Joseph is no more, Simeon is no more, do you now want to take Benjamin from me?"

All these things are against me."

37 Then to his father Reuben said,

"Kill my two sons if I do not bring him back to you. Deliver Benjamin to me, and I will bring him back again."

38 But he said, "My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead; He is left alone.

If anything happens to him as he goes, in sorrow you would bring my grey hairs to the grave."

*None can say what will happen when he meets this ruler face to face.*

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *Be diligent to know the state of the business you steward, get your hands in so you may get your hands on, or rather, get a handle on; delegation does not mean desertion.*
2. *They could not tolerate your face, now they are seeking it; remain humble before God.*
3. *You may hear the rough talk, but you may never see the soft heart or hear the longing, and you may never see the secret tears.*
4. *Your evil expectation will blind you to your present situation; adjust your expectation and you will see the true value of your brothers and sisters.*
5. *Deposit all your hurts and offences in the cross and withdraw mercy, for yourself above the offender, for vengeance and unforgiveness hurts your eternity most.*
6. *The greatest blow of your revenge is levied at your relationship with God; hear and fear God: forgive.*
7. *If all things are working together for your good, it is detrimental to your good to release unforgiveness, anger or any other negative action against the thing. It will terminate the positive working.*
8. *The money in your sack may be a mystery waiting to be solved or rather to dissolve your cloak; the money in the sack may be a challenge calling you out.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Father God, Lord of the universe, make me a worthy steward of everything You assign to me here, in Jesus name.
- Kind and loving King, You forgave us debts we had no chance of repaying; help us also to forgive the relatively small trespasses we hold, in Jesus' name.
- Merciful and forgiving God, help me to deposit all my hurts in the cross, and to withdraw mercy

for everyone who offends me, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

- Mighty God, Consuming Fire, let Your fear restrain me from personal vengeance, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- O my Lord and my good, good Father, help me not to attack my relationship with You by withholding forgiveness, or stubbornly seeking revenge, in the name of Jesus.
- Heavenly Father, remove the desire from me to prove myself in any forum, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- All wise, all knowing God, please grant me divine wisdom, interpretation and understanding for every confusing and puzzling situation in my life, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**TORN between hunger and emotion for his son,  
Torn by the famine and torn, oh so much,  
by love.  
At home there in Canaan, and in a distant land,  
The hearts of two men torn apart are further torn by one.  
While one would mend the other, tears would grace the while,  
Torn between a meal with his brothers and water filling up his eyes.**

### GENESIS 43

<sup>1</sup>The famine was harsh in the land,  
<sup>2</sup>and it came to pass,  
when they had eaten up the corn that from Egypt they had brought,  
their father said to them, "Return and buy us some food now again."  
<sup>3</sup>But Judah spoke to him, saying, "The man warned us solemnly, saying,  
'You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.'  
<sup>4</sup>If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food.  
<sup>5</sup>"But if you will not send him, we will not go down to that place,  
for the man said to us, 'Unless he is with you, you shall no more see my face!'"  
<sup>6</sup>"Why have you dealt so dreadfully with me to tell this man that you had a brother?" Israel replied.  
<sup>7</sup>And they answered, "We had no choice. The man asked us directly of our family and of our own state;  
saying, 'Do you have another brother? Is your father yet alive and safe?'  
"We responded to him according to the tenor of his words;  
could we possibly have known that he would say, 'Bring your brother down?'"  
<sup>8</sup>Then Judah said to his father Israel, "Send the boy with me that we may live and not die; both we, our little ones, and you alike.  
<sup>9</sup>I will be the guarantee for him; you shall require him at my hand.  
If I do not bring him back to you, on me let the blame forever stand.

<sup>10</sup>"For if we had not lingered, surely by now we would have returned the second time."

<sup>11</sup>Then Israel said to them, "Do this if it must be so, *but know that I am torn inside.*

Take of the best fruit of the land and carry down a present to this man:

a balm, a little honey, spices, and myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds.

<sup>12</sup>"Take double money in your hand, and take back the money that was brought back in your sack's mouth,  
perhaps it was an oversight, so let it be returned.

<sup>13</sup>"Take also your brother; to this man arise and go;

<sup>14</sup>and may God Almighty give you mercy before this man also,  
that he may send your other brother, and Benjamin with him;

for if I am bereaved of my children, then I am very much bereaved."

<sup>15</sup>So the men took presents and double money in their hand,  
and with Benjamin they rose up and headed for Egypt again.

There they stood before Joseph.

<sup>16</sup>And when he saw Benjamin with them,  
he said to the ruler of his house, "Bring these men to my home,  
kill an animal and prepare it, for they shall dine with me at noon."

<sup>17</sup>The man did as Joseph commanded him, and brought them to Joseph's house.

<sup>18</sup>When they saw they were brought to Joseph's house, the men were very afraid.

"It is because of the money returned in our sacks the first time," they said.

"That is why we are brought here, that he may seek occasion against us, seize us and make us bondmen, and take also our donkeys."

<sup>19</sup>So they approached the steward of the house;  
and they conversed with him at the door of the house

<sup>20</sup>and said, "O Sir, we came to buy food when we came down at the first,

<sup>21</sup>but when we came to the inn and opened up our sacks,  
each man's money was in the mouth of his sack in full weight, and we have brought it back.

<sup>22</sup>"And we have brought down other money in our hands to buy more food;  
we cannot tell who placed the money in our sacks, no, we do not know the truth."

<sup>23</sup>But he said, "Peace be to you; it is no time to fear.

I had your money. Your God and your father's God placed the treasure there."

Then he brought Simeon out to them,

<sup>24</sup>and brought them into Joseph's house.

He gave them water to wash their feet, and food for their donkeys also.

<sup>25</sup>Then they prepared the gifts for Joseph's

arrival at noon,  
for they heard they should eat there with him  
in his house.

<sup>26</sup>And when Joseph came home they brought  
to him the present which was in their hands,  
and bowed down before him to the earth, just  
as Joseph had dreamt would be done.

<sup>27</sup>Joseph asked them of their well-being, and  
said, "Is your father well?"

Is the old man you spoke of yet alive?"

<sup>28</sup>And they said, "Our father is in good health;  
he is yet alive."

And they showed him respect with heads  
bowed down.

<sup>29</sup>And he lifted up his eyes and saw his  
brother Benjamin, his mother's son.  
He said, "Is this your younger brother, the one  
of whom you spoke that day?"

And he said to him, "God be gracious to you  
my son."

<sup>30</sup>And Joseph then left in great haste.

*He was torn with emotions,* for comradery with  
his brother he yearned;

he sought a place to weep, and entered into  
his room and wept there alone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he washed his face and went out, and  
he restrained himself.

And he said, "Serve the bread."

<sup>32</sup>So they set a place for him by himself and  
he sat them by themselves,  
and the Egyptians who ate with him, by  
themselves separately,  
for it was an abomination to the Egyptians if  
they should eat with Hebrews.

<sup>33</sup>*Oh, how did he do it?* By birthright from the  
firstborn he sat them down.  
They marvelled at each other; *something was  
going down.*

<sup>34</sup>He sent plates of food to all of them, but  
Benjamin's plate was five times more.  
So they drank and were merry with him.  
*Things were not so bad in Egypt after all!*

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *You may delay dealing with your fears but time brings decisiveness; you may delay dating God, but you cannot escape your date with Him.*
2. *If what He has is what you want, then find His laws to find His heart.*
3. *It was never about your money, it has always been about your heart.*
4. *Unresolved issues in your past have an appointment set in your future, waiting for you.*
5. *Unresolved issues in your past have a table prepared in your future, waiting for you.*
6. *If you live a lie you may be made to dine with that lie; and your explanation for it all will be a lie.*
7. *If it does not look right, perhaps it is not; if it does not add up, perhaps it won't; if you lack wisdom, ask God.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Lord, please resolve every unresolved issue in my life, in the name of Jesus. I expose every hidden secret in my heart to the fire of the Holy Ghost and the cleansing blood of Jesus. Amen.

- Father help me never to live a lie, in the name of Jesus; let the truth of Jesus vacuum every dark area of my life, in Jesus' name.
- Lord Jesus, help me to understand the past issues I have been dining with, so I may address them decisively and be free, in Jesus' name.
- O God my Father, give me Your heart of compassion for others without complexity or the need for play or gaming, in the name of Jesus.
- O God my Father, give me divine wisdom and divine provision that will distinguish me in the seasons of famine, in the name of Jesus.

**T**ESTED and tried, in an old familiar way,  
**But his brothers were different; things had really changed.**  
**The father's favored and loved son they envied now no more.**  
**They had an easy decision, but would not have him sold.**  
**Their father was regarded, and too, what his heart desired.**  
**So that Benjamin would not become a slave, they would now give their very own lives.**

**GENESIS 44**

<sup>1</sup>Joseph commanded the steward, "Fill the men's sack with all the food they can take. Put each man's money back, send them on their way.

<sup>2</sup>A little parcel for my younger brother; discreetly place my silver cup in his sack." The steward did all that Joseph commanded.

<sup>3</sup>At the dawn of the next morning the men were sent on their way; both they and their donkeys.

<sup>4</sup>When they had gone out of the city, and were not very far away, Joseph said, "Up, get up now and follow, and when you overtake, say to them, 'You have received good; why this evil reward?'"

<sup>5</sup>You have taken the cup that belongs to my lord. Is it not the cup of his pleasure from which he drinks his wine?"

And the cup of my knowledge with which he practices divination? You have done evil in doing so."

<sup>6</sup>So he overtook them, and to them he spoke these words.

<sup>7</sup>And they said to him, "Why do you say this thing? This evil is not in us to do."

*Stranger things have happened, but when? They did not know!*

<sup>8</sup>"See, we brought from Canaan the money we found in our sacks!

How then would we steal silver or gold from the house of your lord?"

<sup>9</sup>With whomever it is found let him die, and we will be my lord's slaves likewise."

<sup>10</sup>And he said, "As you have spoken, we will

do.”

*With great wisdom they were being tested but they had no clue.*

“With whom the cup is found, he shall be my slave, but on the others there shall be no blame.”

<sup>11</sup>Each man placed his sack on the ground and opened it speedily, and he began to search.

<sup>12</sup>He searched from the eldest, but they did not know that the cup would be found hidden in Benjamin’s sack.

<sup>13</sup>“What trouble has come upon us,” see all Israel mourn, and tore their clothes, and to Egypt returned.

<sup>14</sup>To Egypt, to Joseph, *@confused and ashamed. They had lost all their honor, their respect and their name.*

They fell to the ground, a brother was at stake.

<sup>15</sup>Joseph said, “What evil have you done? Did you not know that I can divine?”

*@Now would they have a favored brother be a slave yet another time?*

<sup>16</sup>Then Judah said, “How can we clear ourselves? What can we speak?”

God has found out our iniquity, our wrong He has seen.

Here we are as your slaves, we are yours now, both us and he with whom the cup was found.”

<sup>17</sup>Joseph objected, saying, “Certainly not! You shall not all serve; the one who had the cup stays, for that he deserves.

He shall be my slave; to your father go in peace.”

<sup>18</sup>Then Judah came near, he was compelled to speak.

He said, “My lord please, hear what I have to say.

Do not be angry with me, for you are as Pharaoh this day.

*@Times had changed since a brother was a bondman for sale.*

*Now they would give their own lives, their brother to save.*

<sup>19</sup>“Remember what happened; remember when we first came, and you asked of our father, and if we had a brother that day?”

<sup>20</sup>“We told you we had a father, who is very old, and a child of his old age, who is young and at home.

His brother is dead, of his mother’s children, he is left alone.

His father loves him. *There was no jealousy anymore.*

<sup>21</sup>“You told us, ‘Bring your brother down to me, that I may set my eyes on him.’”

<sup>22</sup>We told you he cannot leave his father, or he would die because of this.

<sup>23</sup>“But you said to your servants, ‘Unless your

younger brother comes, you shall no more see my face.’”

<sup>24</sup>We returned and told it to our father, and he could not find peace.

<sup>25</sup>He told us to return and buy food,

<sup>26</sup>but we said without him we will not go, for we may not see your face unless our youngest brother is with us.

Without him we surely cannot go up.

<sup>27</sup>Then our father said to us, ‘His mother bore me two sons;

<sup>28</sup>and one went out from me and I said, “Surely he is torn!

I have not seen him since that day.

<sup>29</sup>If you take this one and he is harmed, you will bring my grey hair with sorrow to the grave.”

<sup>30</sup>“The life of my father is bound up in the youth’s life.

<sup>31</sup>If he sees he is not with us, he will certainly die.

<sup>32</sup>And I will be responsible for his death; for I was the guarantee for the boy’s return, saying, ‘If I do not bring him back, I shall forever bear the blame.’”

<sup>33</sup>“Now therefore, please let me stay as a slave instead of the boy now, and with his brothers, let the boy go.

<sup>34</sup>“For how shall I go up to my father, if the boy is not with me and the evil that should come up on my father then I would see.”

*@They cared for the young man; they stood up for his rights.*

*They cared that he would not be a slave, so they offered their own lives.*

*They cared for their father, that he would not die. Changed from the persons who had rejected his own pleas and cries.*

*Joseph cared for them all; the moment was ripe. And he cared not that the tears were coming to his eyes.*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Your past mistakes do not have to be your present distaste; you are being tested for growth and maturity.
2. The brother you sold in the past may be setting up your next sale; the brother you refuse to sell now may be setting up your pardon.
3. You know you have truly changed when self-preservation turns to selfless sacrifice.
4. Stand up for the brethren with genuine care, for the arguments you put forward to defend them, will stand up for you in the highest court above.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Angels of the living God, calm every troubled waters in my life, in the name of Jesus.
- Transforming power of the Holy Ghost, transform every crooked area of my life so that my past mistakes will not return to spoil my present glory, in Jesus name.
- I declare that I am a new person, I have changed, I am free from every sin and bondage of my past, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

- Holy Spirit I honor You, let Your fruits be on display in my life, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- God of Israel, give me a heart to defend the brethren tenaciously on my knees and before men, in Jesus' name.

**O**H, tell me of Joseph; tell me of his fame.

**Tell me of the day he told his brothers his name.**

**Tell me of Jacob who would not believe, Then said; "It is enough! I must now go and see."**

**GENESIS 45**

<sup>1</sup>Tell me of Joseph, who could no longer restrain.

*You can tell, no more pretending, see his distorted face.*

"Cause everyone to go from me!" they heard him cry.

And as every man departed, he could no longer hide.

You can tell something was happening as the governor wept;

he made himself known to his brothers, *as by emotions they were swept.*

<sup>2</sup>*An overwhelming moment*, hear him weep aloud;

tell it to Pharaoh, tell it all about.

<sup>3</sup>Then Joseph said, "I am Joseph, does my father still live?"

But his brothers were troubled at his presence; they could not answer him.

<sup>4</sup>And he said to his brothers, "Please come near to me," and they came near.

He repeated himself, for they were all stunned.

"I am Joseph," he said, "whom you sold into Egypt.

<sup>5</sup>Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves that you sold me here.

*But all things work together for good.* It was to preserve lives that God sent me before you.

<sup>6</sup>"The famine has been in the land these two years; there are five years to go still yet,

where there shall neither be an ear to grow nor will there be a harvest."

*@Tell them, for you know it, there is purpose for you here.*

*There may be panic and consternation until that purpose becomes clear.*

<sup>7</sup>"Yes, God sent me before you, your lives to save;

and to preserve you a posterity, by a deliverance very great.

<sup>8</sup>"So it was not you who sent me, but rather it was God.

He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and to all his house made me lord.

And also a ruler in Egypt, in all the land throughout.

<sup>9</sup>"Hurry and go to my father, and tell him these words:

This is a message, from Joseph, your son;

"God has made me lord of all Egypt, delay not to come down.

<sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen and you shall be near me;

you, your children, their children, your flocks and herds and all that you possess indeed.

<sup>11</sup>"There I will nourish you, for the famine is yet five years,

lest you and your household come to poverty there."

<sup>12</sup>"See, your eyes and the eyes of Benjamin have seen that it is me.

<sup>13</sup>"Tell Father of my glory, and all that you have seen.

You shall hurry and bring my father here," he said.

<sup>14</sup>And Joseph fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept.

*You can tell it was a heart-rending moment; on his neck Benjamin wept also.*

<sup>15</sup>You can tell Joseph loved his brothers; as he kissed and wept over them they knew.

<sup>16</sup>Now this news report went out, and to Pharaoh's house it spread.

Pharaoh heard that Joseph's brothers had come, and it pleased him and his servants very well.

<sup>17</sup>Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers,

'Go to the land of Canaan; load your animals and return.

<sup>18</sup>Bring your father and your households, and come to me.

I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, the fat of the land you shall eat.

<sup>19</sup>Now you are commanded: take wagons for your wives and your little ones, bring your father and come.

<sup>20</sup>Do not be concerned about your possession, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours."

*You could tell Pharaoh was excited as he told Joseph these words.*

<sup>21</sup>And Joseph gave them wagons, as Pharaoh commanded that day;

and he also gave them provision for the journey on the way.

<sup>22</sup>To them all he gave changes of garments; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of garments.

<sup>23</sup>He sent ten donkeys for his father, loaded with all things of Egypt that were good.

Ten female donkeys loaded with corn, bread, and food for his father's journey down.

<sup>24</sup>To Canaan, to Canaan! He sent them away. *But can you tell why he would say, "Ensure you do not fall out by the way?"*

*@Oh, tell me of Joseph, tell me of his fame;*

*tell me of the day, he told his brothers his name.*

*Tell me of Jacob who would not believe, then said, "It is enough! It is enough! I must now go and see."*

<sup>25</sup>To Canaan, to Jacob, the brothers are now come.

*You can tell their attitudes were changed from*



when they had gone down.

<sup>26</sup>They told Jacob, "Joseph is alive," but was he relieved?

Oh no! His heart fainted; he could not believe. They told him, "He is the governor"; memories of his dreams returned.

<sup>27</sup>They told him of all Joseph's words, and the heart began to yearn.

They showed him the wagons, and the old came alive.

<sup>28</sup>"Enough! That is enough!" he said, his spirit fully revived.

"Enough, for I have seen it; Joseph is alive. Enough, I believe it; I will go see him before I die."

@Sudden change from an old man, distressed and unwell;  
something has happened, and someone can tell.

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Are you ready to stand in the court of the one you innocently condemned in your court?
2. Let the 'new you' amaze and baffle the ones who tried to destroy the 'old you'.
3. They cannot conceptualize your dream; they will be stunned by its realization.
4. Your dream is only a dream until it comes to pass, then it has personality and appeal.
5. No one bows down to a dream, everyone bows down to the product of fulfillment.
6. Focus away from the pain, to the purpose of your predicament, and you will see God above your agitators.
7. Free your spirit; your agitators need ministry.
8. Unforgiveness binds you to the past like a tethered animal.
9. Your destiny is waiting for you to confront the demons of your past and to overcome them.
10. Every lie has an expiry date; expose it or it will expose you.
11. The good news you have long forgotten has not forgotten you.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Life changing favor of God, visit my life now by fire, in Jesus' name.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I command every mistreated gift in my life to be restored to me by fire, in the name of Jesus.
- O God my Father, transform every bad decision in my life into opportunities and testimonies, in the name of Jesus.
- God of mercy and forgiveness, let every demon of my past that has been plaguing my destiny be exposed to the judgment fire of God, in Jesus name.
- My Father my God, let every dream you have given me and every gift you have deposited in my life be realized until it dumbfounds my gainsayers, in the name of Jesus.
- Father let my faithfulness to You and my consistency in Your word put my enemy in his rightful place, under my feet, in the name of Jesus.
- Resurrection power of the Lord Jesus Christ, resurrect every dead situation in my life, in the name of Jesus.

**F**ORWARD, forward to Egypt we go;  
Forward, but we will return, for God told me so.

The dead and the dying, through turmoil survived;

Passionate reunion, Israel came to life!

### GENESIS 46

<sup>1</sup>Israel went on his journey with his sons and all that they had.

He stopped in Beersheba and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

<sup>2</sup>There God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night,

saying, "Jacob!" And he said, "Here am I."

<sup>3</sup>He said, "I am God, your father's God; go forward to Egypt; you have no need to fear, for I will make you a great nation there.

<sup>4</sup>"I will go down to Egypt with you and I will surely bring you up again.

And Joseph will put his hand on your eyes."

<sup>5</sup>Refreshed and revived, Jacob went forward from Beersheba that day,

in Pharaoh's wagon, his sons carried him all the way.

Their little ones and their wives also were carried in the wagons.

<sup>6</sup>They took their livestock and their goods which in Canaan they acquired,

and went to Egypt, Jacob and all his descendants alike.

<sup>7</sup>His sons, his sons' sons, his daughters and theirs

and he brought all his descendants with him there.

<sup>8</sup>The children of Israel came to Egypt; these are their names;

Jacob and his sons: Reuben, the firstborn

<sup>9</sup>and the sons of Reuben:

Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron and Carmi; his sons numbered four.

<sup>10</sup>The sons of Simeon were: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman, and Zohar.

<sup>11</sup>Gershon, Kohath and Merari were Levi's sons.

<sup>12</sup>The sons of Judah that came were: Shelah, Perez and Zerah; for Er and Onan died in Canaan.

The sons of Perez were: Hezron and Hamul.

<sup>13</sup>Tola, Puvah, Job and Shimron, were Issachar's sons.

<sup>14</sup>The sons of Zebulun were: Sered, Elon and Jahleel, three of them.

<sup>15</sup>These were the sons of Leah who she bore to Jacob in Padan-aram.

With his daughter Dinah, all the persons were thirty-three.

<sup>16</sup>There were seven sons of Gad: Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni,

Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and their brother Areli.

<sup>17</sup>The sons of Asher were Jimnah, Ishuah, Isui, Beriah, and a daughter, Serah.

And the sons of Beriah were Malchiel and

Heber.

<sup>18</sup>These were the sons of Zilpah who Laban gave to Leah; she bore Jacob, sixteen sons in all.

<sup>19</sup>The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife, were Joseph and Benjamin.

<sup>20</sup>And to Joseph in Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, the sons that to him, Asenath, the daughter of Potipherah the priest bore.

<sup>21</sup>And Benjamin had ten sons, they were: Belah, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim and Ard.

<sup>22</sup>A total of fourteen sons of Rachel, to Jacob were born.

<sup>23</sup>Hushim was the son of Dan.

<sup>24</sup>The sons of Naphtali were: Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer and Shillem.

<sup>25</sup>These were the sons of Bilhah, who Laban gave to his daughter Rachel; she bore Jacob seven sons.

<sup>26</sup>Sixty-six persons went with Jacob to Egypt, who came from his own loins; this was not counting Jacob's sons' wives.

<sup>27</sup>And the sons of Joseph born to him in Egypt were two. In total, the house of Jacob who went to Egypt numbered seventy persons.

<sup>28</sup>Then Israel sent Judah ahead to Joseph to direct them where to go, to show the way to Goshen, and so, to the land of Goshen they came.

<sup>29</sup>And Joseph made his chariot ready, and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel. He presented himself to him, and fell on his neck and wept a long while.

*The one thought dead with the aged and dying, finally reunited.*

<sup>30</sup>Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, with peace I will go to the grave; because you are still alive; I have seen your face and have verified this."

<sup>31</sup>And Joseph said to his brothers, and to his father's household, "I will go up and see Pharaoh and I will say to him,

'My brothers and my father's house who were in Canaan, are here,

<sup>32</sup>but the men all are shepherds, and they have livestock to tend and to care. They have brought their flocks, their herds and all that they have.'

<sup>33</sup>When Pharaoh asks your occupation,

<sup>34</sup>you shall say, 'Our occupation from our youth until today, has been to tend livestock, both we and our fathers before';

that he will make you to dwell in Goshen when he hears these words, for to the Egyptians, every shepherd is an abomination."

*@Away from Canaan, from God's promised land; forward, to Egypt, to the process, as God showed to Abraham.*

*To be nurtured by Joseph, as he helped them settle down.*

*But Jacob looked forward, for he knew God had ordered their return.*

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *Never be so moved by excitement that you move away from your altar; never be so moved by your heart that you move away from your call.*
2. *Seek God for your next move; seek God for your every move.*
3. *History has proven the mystery is removable; if you seek the Lord in all your ways, He will direct your path.*
4. *You have no basis to move away from your place of purpose and promise, unless you hear, "I am God; go!"*
5. *If there is one thing to assure you, God has already prepared your way before you.*
6. *God brings you out to bring you in. He prepares the conditions for your exit to prepare the conditions for your return.*
7. *God gives you a taste but it does not exclude you from the tests. Never forget Him while you enjoy of His.*
8. *Your separating distinction from the world may make you an abomination in their sight; you were never meant to fit in; you are always called to fit out.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Lord Jesus, You are the way, the truth and the life, I nullify every spirit of excitement that will seek to lead my decision-making, instead I seek You to lead me in the way of truth and life, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, help me never to lead my destiny into a trap because of my heart or my intellect, in the name of Jesus.
- Eternal Father, meet me at the point of my dilemmas and reassure my heart, in the name of Jesus.
- Spirit of revelation for decision-making, fall upon my life now, in the name of Jesus.
- God of Joseph, the Alpha and the Omega, go before me to prepare my way, in the name of Jesus.

**I**n promise and in purpose, that is where I must lie,

**Though history determines the place where I will die.**

**Swear to me Joseph, under my thigh place your hand;**

**Take me back to Canaan; God gave us that land.**

**GENESIS 47**

<sup>1</sup>Joseph reported to Pharaoh, and said, "My father and my brothers, their flocks and their herds, have come up from Canaan, and they are in Goshen now."

<sup>2</sup>To Pharaoh with Joseph, five of his brothers came.

<sup>3</sup>Pharaoh asked them their occupation; they answered, "Both we and our fathers are shepherds by trade."

<sup>4</sup>They told Pharaoh, "We have no pasture for

our flocks in Canaan, for the famine is great, let us dwell in Goshen, that we may survive in this place.”

<sup>5</sup>Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Your fathers and your brothers have arrived;

<sup>6</sup>“the land of Egypt is before you; choose the best land for them to live.

As they have requested, in Goshen they shall dwell;

if there is one able among them, let him be in charge of my livestock as well.”

<sup>7</sup>To Pharaoh with Joseph, Jacob was brought. He set him before Pharaoh as Jacob blessed Pharaoh,

<sup>8</sup>then the king asked, “How old are you now?”

<sup>9</sup>And Jacob replied, “I am one hundred and thirty years, my years evil and few, not attaining to the years that my fathers knew.”

<sup>10</sup>And Jacob blessed Pharaoh and he then went out.

<sup>11</sup>And Joseph gave his fathers and brothers a possession in Egypt, in Rameses, in the best of the land, just as Pharaoh spoke.

<sup>12</sup>There Joseph cared for his father, the young for the old, and with bread he nourished his brothers and all their households.

<sup>13</sup>*Now back to business, no bread in the land. @The ruler of Egypt is a shrewd businessman.*

In all of Egypt, the famine was sore, so all Egypt and Canaan starved; they had nothing more.

<sup>14</sup>Joseph gathered all the money that was found in the land, for the grain bought from him, by all Egypt and Canaan; and into the house of Pharaoh he brought the money that they paid.

<sup>15</sup>So in the land of Egypt and in Canaan, all the money failed, and to Joseph, all the Egyptians came. They said, “Give us bread;

the money is all gone; why should we die in your presence?”

<sup>16</sup>But Joseph said, “Bring your livestock and come;

I will give you bread for your livestock, if the money is gone.”

<sup>17</sup>So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them bread; in exchange for their horses and flocks, their donkeys and cattle they were fed.

They received bread that year in exchange for their livestock.

<sup>18</sup>At the end of the year, the people came to him and they said,

“We will not hide from you that our money is spent;

you also have all our livestock we have nothing left;

nothing but our bodies and our lands.

<sup>19</sup>“Why should we die before your eyes and our land become a waste?”

Buy us and our land for bread and we will be Pharaoh’s slaves.

Give us seed that we may live and that our land will not become desolate.”

<sup>20</sup>Then Joseph bought all the land for Pharaoh, for every man sold his field; for the famine was so severe on them. Pharaoh now owned everything.

<sup>21</sup>And he moved the people to the cities, from one end of Egypt to the next.

<sup>22</sup>“He did not buy the land of the priests, for Pharaoh had appointed rations for them.

Their lands therefore they did not sell.

<sup>23</sup>Then Joseph said to the people, “I have bought you and your land this day for Pharaoh; here is seed for you to sow the land.

<sup>24</sup>“You shall give one-fifth to Pharaoh of all the increase;

four-fifths shall be your own as food for your households and as seed for the field.”

<sup>25</sup>And they said, “Let us find favor in your sight and we will be Pharaoh’s servants, for you have saved our lives.”

<sup>26</sup>And Joseph made it a law over all Egypt and to this day it is required; that Pharaoh should have one-fifth except for the land of the priests.

<sup>27</sup>So Israel dwelt in Egypt and in Goshen. They had possessions and they multiplied and grew.

<sup>28</sup>Jacob lived in Egypt seventeen years.

The length of Jacob’s life was a hundred and forty-seven years,

<sup>29</sup>and the time that Israel should die was drawing near.

He called his son Joseph, there was something to set straight.

*@There is promise, there is purpose, but it is in another place.*

*Where purpose is, that is where I must lie, though history determines the place where I die.*

“Swear to me Joseph, under my thigh place your hand;

be kind and true to me, do not bury me in Egypt, not here in this land.

<sup>30</sup>“Let me lie with my fathers, so carry me back;

carry me out of Egypt, here bury me not. I want to be buried in their burying-place.

*There the descendants of our children will play on someday.”*

<sup>31</sup>“I will do faithfully and kindly; I will do all that you have said.”

Joseph swore as he had asked him, and Israel bowed himself on his bed.

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Without exception, heaven’s expectation is that children will honor their parents.*
2. *They may be powerful rulers and world leaders but they need your blessing; never be afraid to commend them to God in person.*
3. *Never be so comfortable in your position that you forget why you are positioned and the responsibility of your position.*

4. *You are representing the Pharaoh, represent him well, or rather, represent God well and the Pharaoh will be very pleased.*
5. *God is a God of excellence; let Him manifest in your business, your education and in every other thing that you do.*
6. *You hold the bargaining power when what you have powers the bargain.*
7. *Because you can does not mean you should; let your heart be gentle; let your laws be just.*
8. *Joseph introduced the kingdom principle of taxes, but the principle of tithes, Kingdom taxes, pre-existed him.*
9. *Let your heart rest in God's promises and your body will follow.*
10. *Never be so caught up with what you have here that you forget why you are here.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Anointing of a champion, fall upon my life now, in the name of Jesus.
- Anointing for excellence and distinction in business fall upon my life now, in the name of Jesus.
- Anointing for faithfulness in every stewardship assignment, fall upon me now, in the name of Jesus. Father make me a good steward of Your kingdom's gifts and resources in this earth. Amen.
- Lord of creation, give me creative breakthrough ideas that will change my destiny, in Jesus name.
- Father give me compassion and gentleness, even as I walk in dominion and exercise dominance, in the name of Jesus.
- O God my Father, make my heart Your home in the name of Jesus, and make Your heart my home, in Jesus name.
- Lord, make Your purposes and promises my home, in Jesus name, and let me be buried in the promise I live to establish, in the name of Jesus.

**OLD and sick but leaning still  
On the promises God made;  
Tell it, hear it, all who will,  
Time to bless the sons that will remain.**

**GENESIS 48**

<sup>1</sup>After these things Joseph was told that his father was ill; so he took Manasseh and Ephraim, his two sons with him.  
<sup>2</sup>When they told Jacob, "Joseph your son comes!" He strengthened himself and in his bed he sat up.  
<sup>3</sup>Jacob said to Joseph, "It was in Luz in the land of Canaan, that God Almighty appeared to me and blessed me.  
<sup>4</sup>And He said to me, 'I will make you to be fruitful, and I will multiply you exceedingly. I will make a multitude of people from you, and give this land to your descendants after you for an everlasting possession.'  
<sup>5</sup>"Now your two sons belong to me. Ephraim and Manasseh who were born in Egypt before I came to you are fully mine, just as Reuben and Simeon.

<sup>6</sup>"Your children which you father after these shall be yours, but they shall be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance.  
<sup>7</sup>"But as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died, in the land of Canaan on my way; I was by her side.  
 On the road to Ephrath, and yet a little way, I buried her near Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem) on our way going there."  
<sup>8</sup>Then Israel saw Joseph's sons, and he said, "Who are these?"  
<sup>9</sup>Joseph said in response, "These are the sons God has given me here in this place."  
 And he said, "Please, bring them to me; let me bless them this day."  
<sup>10</sup>The eyes of Israel were partially blind because of age; he could not see, but Joseph brought them near.  
 Israel kissed and embraced them;  
<sup>11</sup>then to Joseph he said, "I never thought I would see your face, but now, God has shown to me your offspring as well."  
<sup>12</sup>Joseph brought them from between his knees, and with his face to the earth, he bowed himself.  
<sup>13</sup>Joseph took them both; Ephraim was placed near Israel's left hand; then he placed Manasseh towards Israel's right hand; and he brought them near to Israel.  
<sup>14</sup>His eyes were partially blind, he could not see, but with eyes of faith he was guided. He placed his right hand on Ephraim, the younger son's head, the left he placed on Manasseh's, guiding his hand cunningly, for Manasseh was the firstborn of Joseph's children.  
<sup>15</sup>Blessing Joseph, he began to say, "God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked; the God who led me all my life long,  
<sup>16</sup>the Angel which redeemed me from every harm, now bless the boys and let my name be named upon them with the name of Abraham and Isaac. Let them become a multitude in the midst of the earth."  
<sup>17</sup>Now when Joseph saw what his father did, that he laid his right hand on Ephraim's head, it displeased him; so he held his father's right hand to remove it to the head of Manasseh from the head of Ephraim.  
<sup>18</sup>And Joseph said to his father, "My Father, not so; this one is the firstborn; on his head your right hand should go."  
<sup>19</sup>But his father refused, saying, "I know it, my son;

though I am blind and cannot see, this I surely know.  
He shall become a people and shall be great also,  
but the younger brother shall be the greater one;  
his descendants shall become a multitude of nations.”

<sup>20</sup>So he blessed them that day, saying, “Israel shall bless by you,  
saying, ‘May God bless you as Ephraim and Manasseh.’”

And in this blessing he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

<sup>21</sup>His faith was strong though his body was frail.

He said to Joseph, “Behold I am dying, but with you God will be,  
and He will lead you once more to the land of your fathers, certainly.”

<sup>22</sup>“Moreover, I have given you one portion above your brothers,  
which I took from the Amorite with my sword and my bow.”

*@A fight claimed, already won, yet had not yet taken place,  
for though old and sick, he was leaning still on the promises God had made!*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Let your faith-talk accompany your faith-walk.
2. Never be too old or too experienced to hear God.
3. See with the eyes of the Spirit and you will never be mistaken by the vision of the eyes, or the lack of it.
4. Affirm your children; declare blessings into their lives, but position yourself to prophetically bless them with ears tuned to the Spirit.
5. God will always put your Ephraim before your Manasseh, He focuses on your fruitfulness for destiny, for then your painful memories will be erased, just as with Joseph.
6. It is taken by the sword and appropriated long before the fight; unravel this mystery and you will unravel the promises of God for you.
7. You have it may mean you have to get it, or rather take it. You have it but let the Lord reveal to you how you will get it and the timing.
8. Faith only speaks present tense to future events. You have it; speak as if you already possessed it.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Lord Jesus, help me to hear the voice of the Spirit with clarity, so I do not make decisions in the flesh, in the name of Jesus.
- God of Jacob, let my lips be lips of blessing, charged and ready to declare blessing into lives and situations every day, in Jesus' name.
- Father give me the heart to affirm my children daily, and the words to command every godly deposit in them to come alive into their destiny, in Jesus name.
- Lord Jesus, help me to talk the talk of faith so I will decree a thing and see it established, in Jesus' name.
- Let the spirit of prophesy fall upon my life now by fire, in the name of Jesus.

**A FATHER'S blessing is etched in stone;  
Speak well before you die.  
With God you speak of things to come,  
Unveiled before the eye.  
A father's blessing is etched in stone;  
God honors righteous decrees.  
Blessings shape the lives of generations;  
Decree a thing and it shall be.**

### GENESIS 49

<sup>1</sup>Jacob called his sons together, “Come together my sons, and your father’s words receive;

I will tell you what will happen to you in the days to come; what will surely be.

<sup>2</sup>“Gather together and hear now; you sons of Jacob; listen to your father speak:

<sup>3</sup>“Reuben my firstborn, my might and the beginning of my strength,  
the excellence of dignity, and of power likewise;

<sup>4</sup>“unstable as water, you shall not excel,  
for your father’s bed you have defiled;  
you went up to your father’s bed.  
He went up to my couch.

<sup>5</sup>“Simeon and Levi are brothers,  
instruments of cruelty are in your dwelling place;

<sup>6</sup>“O my soul, do not enter their secret;  
my honor, do not be united with them in any way,

for in anger they slew a man,  
in their self-will they hamstrung oxen.

<sup>7</sup>“Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce, and cruel is their wrath!

In Jacob I will divide them, and scatter them in Israel.

<sup>8</sup>“Judah, you are the one your brothers shall praise; to you, your brothers shall bow down.  
Your hand shall be on your enemy’s neck.

<sup>9</sup>“Judah is a lion’s offspring. From the prey, you have gone up my son.

He stoops down; he crouches as a lion.  
As a lion, who shall rouse him up?

<sup>10</sup>“From Judah the sceptre shall not depart.  
A lawgiver shall not fail from between your feet;

until Shiloh comes you will give the law.  
Unto you shall the gathering of the people be,

<sup>11</sup>“binding the donkey to the vine, and the donkey’s colt to the very best vine.  
He washed his clothes in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes.

<sup>12</sup>“His eyes are darker than wine and his teeth are very white; whiter than milk.

<sup>13</sup>“Zebulun shall dwell by the haven of the sea.  
He shall become a haven for ships; unto Sidon his border shall be.

<sup>14</sup>“Issachar is a strong donkey, lying down between two burdens.

<sup>15</sup>“He saw that the rest was good and that the land was pleasant.

A band of slaves put to tribute he became;  
he bowed his shoulder to bear burden.

16<sup>c</sup>“Dan shall judge his people, as one of Israel’s tribes;  
 17<sup>c</sup>“Dan shall be a serpent in the way, the horse’s heels he bites, and so the rider falls backward.  
 18<sup>c</sup>“I have waited, how have I waited, for your salvation O Lord!  
 19<sup>c</sup>“A troop shall overcome Gad, but at the last he shall triumph.  
 20<sup>c</sup>“The bread from Asher shall be rich; he shall yield royal dainties.  
 21<sup>c</sup>“Naphtali is a deer let loose; pleasant words he always gives.  
 22<sup>c</sup>“Joseph is a fruitful bough; a fruitful bough by a well he is. His branches run over the wall.  
 23<sup>c</sup>The archers have bitterly grieved him, hated him and at him they shot,  
 24<sup>c</sup>“but the bow remained in strength; his arms were made strong by the hands of the Mighty God, the God of Jacob (from him is the Shepherd, the stone of Israel),  
 25<sup>c</sup>“by the God of your father who will help you, by the Almighty who shall bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep beneath, blessing of the breast and the womb as well.  
 26<sup>c</sup>“The blessings of your father have excelled the blessings of my ancestors, to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills above. They shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.  
 27<sup>c</sup>“Benjamin, you are a ravenous wolf; in the morning rise and toil. You shall devour the prey in a predator’s mood, and at night divide the spoil.”  
 28<sup>c</sup>These are the twelve tribes of Israel. He blessed them, each according to his blessing.  
 29<sup>c</sup>Then he charged them, and to them he said, “I am about to be gathered to my people. *@Take me back to the land of Canaan. Back to the promise God has made.* Bury me with my father in the cave in the field of Ephron.  
 30<sup>c</sup>“The cave in the field of Machpelah, before Mamre in Canaan, which Abraham bought from Ephron for a burying place, to be his possession.  
 31<sup>c</sup>“Where Abraham was buried, with Sarah his wife, and where Isaac, Rebekah and Leah were buried likewise.  
 32<sup>c</sup>“The field and the cave in it were purchased from the sons of Heth.  
*@There in the land of our inheritance bury me; in the land that to our fathers, God gave.”*  
 33<sup>c</sup>When Jacob had finished commanding them, he drew his feet up on his bed; and at that time he breathed his last breath. Jacob died and was gathered to his people then.

*@He had blessed his sons with a father’s blessing, now etched in stone; words gone before them, declaring things to come.*

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. Declare it, decree it; your word has the power to shape destinies.
2. A father’s decree carries prophetic significance; be careful to speak over your children; be careful what you speak over your children.
3. You will be arrested on the brink of your blessings by your own indiscretions.
4. You have entered into the blessing of Abraham by your new birth, you surrender it by submitting to your old man.
5. Your action has consequences; because it is not present in your present does not mean you can ignore its emergence in your future.
6. Position yourself to receive the blessing others take for granted. Judah received the firstborn blessing by default as his elder brothers disqualified themselves.
7. Let your branches run over a wall like Joseph; there are nations to be blessed.
8. Your heart may have stopped in a foreign land, but let it rot in the land of promise.
9. Be the symbol in life and death of what God has promised your generations.

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Every spiritual exactor, waiting to arrest me on the brink of my breakthrough because of past failures, be arrested by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the name of Jesus.
- Father let every sin of my past be washed away and every handwriting of judgment against my life be erased by fire, in Jesus’ name.
- I reject the spirit of the tail and I declare that I shall be the head, above only. Amen.
- O God of Jacob, arise in the multitude of Your blessings and shower my life with every good blessing from on high, in Jesus’ name.
- I receive everything the Lord has in store for me, in the name of Jesus.
- I declare that by faith in the Lord Jesus, I have the blessing of Abraham; I hereby command every good blessing Jacob decreed over his sons to fall upon my life now, in Jesus name.
- Father God let my sons and daughters be blessed to promulgate the seed of Christ, to populate, to increase, to multiply, to access, to possess and to be a blessing, in Jesus’ name.

**MOURN all Egypt, mourn Israel; MA great man is now gone. A pioneer indeed, who sought God fervently. For Jacob let us mourn. Weep, sons of Jacob, but why do you fear? You fear Joseph and revenge. “Fear not, God will surely visit again! Weep now, weep but swear, that you will take my bones up from here.”**

**GENESIS 50**

- 1<sup>c</sup>Then on his father’s face Joseph fell, to weep and to kiss the dead.
- 2<sup>c</sup>Then Joseph commanded his servants the physicians, to embalm his father Israel.
- 3<sup>c</sup>Forty days were fulfilled for him, as was the

custom for all those who were embalmed in those days.

And the Egyptians mourned there for him seventy days.

<sup>4</sup>Now when the days of mourning were over, Joseph spoke to Pharaoh's household, saying "If I have found favor in your sight, please speak to Pharaoh and say,

<sup>5</sup>"My father made me swear, saying, "I am on my dying bed, take me back to Canaan, to the grave I have prepared for myself."

Now therefore, please let me go, and I will come back again."

<sup>6</sup>And Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury your father as to Israel you swore."

*@Mourn all Egypt, mourn; mourn all Israel! A great man is now gone; a great man who lived well.*

<sup>7</sup>And Joseph went up to bury his father; and all the elders of Egypt went with him, and all the elders of Pharaoh's house as well.

<sup>8</sup>All the sons of Israel went up; the house of Joseph, his brothers and his father's house.

See the many chariots and the horsemen. They left the flocks, the herds and their small children in Goshen.

<sup>9</sup>It was a very great gathering; with him went chariots and horsemen.

<sup>10</sup>They had seven days of mourning on Atad's threshing floor.

It was a solemn lamentation.

<sup>11</sup>The Canaanites who saw it said, "Egypt is very grieved for sure, this is a deep mourning for the Egyptians." Therefore they named the place Abel Mizraim, which is beyond Jordan.

<sup>12</sup>So his sons did for him just as he had commanded them.

<sup>13</sup>For his sons carried him to the land of Canaan, and in the land of promise Jacob was laid. He was buried in the field of Machpelah in the cave, which Abraham bought of Ephron the Hittite for a burying place.

<sup>14</sup>And Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all those who came with him.

*@Weep, you sons of Israel, O but why are you scared?*

<sup>15</sup>They feared Joseph's hatred and vengeance now that their father was dead.

<sup>16</sup>So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded,

<sup>17</sup>"You shall say to Joseph, "Please forgive your brothers' sins, for they did you wrong. I beg you forgive the trespass of the servants of your father's God.""

When he heard this Joseph wept.

<sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and before Joseph they fell.

They said, "We are your servants."

<sup>19</sup>He was still weeping as he told them,

"Do not be afraid, I see this through God's eyes.

<sup>20</sup>You meant to do me evil, but God used this to save many lives.

He worked it all for good.

<sup>21</sup>"Now do not be afraid. I will provide for you and your little ones."

From his kind words they took comfort, and rested in his hands.

<sup>22</sup>So Joseph lived in Egypt, and his father's household with him.

Joseph lived a total of one hundred and ten years.

<sup>23</sup>He saw Ephraim's children to his great-grandchildren; the children of Machir the son of Manasseh were also brought up on his knees.

<sup>24</sup>And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am dying; but God will surely visit us, and bring you up from this land, to the land He swore to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

<sup>25</sup>"I am dying; *you may weep for me* but swear; in Egypt I have prospered, but you shall carry my bones from here."

*@Lay me in the promise, as with Abraham before; also with Isaac and with Jacob, the land that shall be ours.*

<sup>26</sup>Joseph died at one hundred and ten years of age;

then they embalmed him, and in a coffin he was placed.

*@To be taken back to Canaan as they promised that day.*

*To rest in God's promise as he lived in God's grace.*

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *When all Egypt mourns a foreigner, (their abomination), and escort his body for burial in Canaan, you know God is saluting an awesome journey.*
2. *They know what they have done you and live in fear that you know it too; they know what they have done you but fail to accept what God has done for you through their ignorance.*
3. *You begged for mercy they did not hear; they beg for mercy you shed compassionate tears. The fear of God makes the difference.*
4. *When you have God's perspective you look beyond the damage to the destiny.*
5. *When you have God's perspective forgiveness is easy.*
6. *When you have God's perspective you see the good being mixed in His hands, rather than the bad He processed to hand the good to you.*
7. *When you have God's perspective the progress is more important than the process.*
8. *When you have God's perspective you shatter the evil expectations of those who hated you and spitefully used you by doing good to them.*
9. *When you have God's perspective, you set your heart on the promise and commit your people to set your body in it.*
10. *Leave something behind to remind and position them. Joseph had God's perspective. His embalmed body was a reminder of God's promise and a channel of hope and expectation to a people who would soon feel forgotten by*

*hope.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- O God my Father, help me to see what You are doing, above what has been done to me. Amen.
- Lord God who resides in Heaven above, give me Your perspective in every area of my life so that I may respond with divine accuracy. Amen.
- Father God, let every evil act that anyone has meted out to me be erased and forgotten from my memory by Your over-compensating

- kindness, in the name of Jesus.
- Gracious Father, give hatred, vindictiveness and vengeance no place in my life or in my heart, in the name of Jesus.
- Forgiving God, let my bitter rivals, false accusers and captors know they are truly forgiven; give me opportunities to bless them and to do them good, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, make me a symbol of righteousness, that even my dead body will point others to their land of destiny and their eternal hope, in the name of Jesus.