



FOUNDATIONS

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

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- **THIRTEEN YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE ISHMAEL WAS BORN.**
- **ABRAM IS NOW NINETY-NINE YEARS OLD.**
- **GOD APPEARS TO ABRAM AGAIN.**
- **GOD REAFFIRMS AND EXPANDS HIS COVENANT.**

**"I AM GOD ALMIGHTY; WALK BEFORE ME
FAITHFULLY AND BE BLAMELESS. THEN I WILL
MAKE MY COVENANT BETWEEN ME AND YOU AND
WILL GREATLY INCREASE YOUR NUMBERS."**

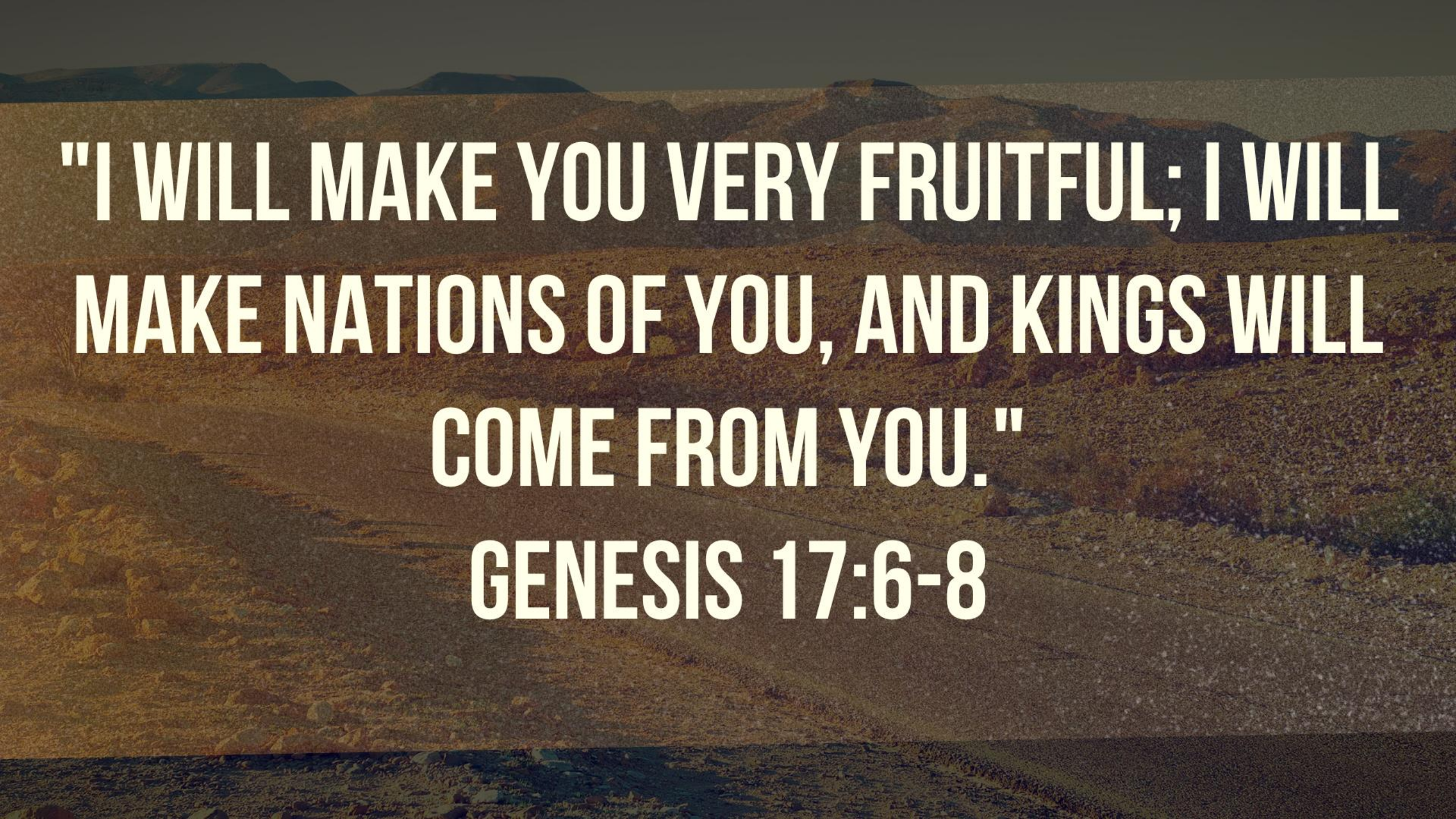
GENESIS 17:1-2

1. ABRAM TO ABRAHAM

**"AS FOR ME, THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH YOU: YOU
WILL BE THE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS. NO LONGER
WILL YOU BE CALLED ABRAM; YOUR NAME WILL BE
ABRAHAM, FOR I HAVE MADE YOU A FATHER OF
MANY NATIONS."**

GENESIS 17: 4-5

- **ABRAM MEANS "EXALTED FATHER."**
- **ABRAHAM MEANS "FATHER OF MANY NATIONS."**
- **GOD CHANGES HIS IDENTITY TO REFLECT HIS PROMISE.**
- **HIS NEW NAME POINTS TO GOD'S FUTURE PLAN FOR HIM.**

A photograph of a desert landscape with rolling hills and a path leading into the distance. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**"I WILL MAKE YOU VERY FRUITFUL; I WILL
MAKE NATIONS OF YOU, AND KINGS WILL
COME FROM YOU."**

GENESIS 17:6-8

- **GOD PROMISES COUNTLESS DESCENDANTS.**
- **NATIONS WILL COME FROM ABRAHAM.**
- **KINGS WILL ARISE FROM HIS LINEAGE.**
- **THE LAND OF CANAAN WILL BE AN EVERLASTING POSSESSION.**
- **GOD WILL BE THEIR GOD FOREVER.**



2. CONDITIONS

GENESIS 17:9-11

**"THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH YOU AND YOUR DESCENDANTS
AFTER YOU... EVERY MALE AMONG YOU SHALL BE
CIRCUMCISED."**

- **CIRCUMCISION BECOMES THE SIGN OF THE COVENANT.**
- **IT MARKS BELONGING TO GOD'S PEOPLE.**
- **IT SERVES AS A VISIBLE REMINDER OF GOD'S PROMISES.**
- **OBEDIENCE DEMONSTRATES FAITH IN GOD'S COVENANT.**



GENESIS 17:13

**"MY COVENANT IN YOUR FLESH IS TO BE AN
EVERLASTING COVENANT."**

- **THE COVENANT IS EVERLASTING.**
- **GOD INITIATES THE RELATIONSHIP.**
- **HIS PEOPLE RESPOND WITH OBEDIENCE.**
- **THE OUTWARD SIGN POINTS TO A DEEPER SPIRITUAL REALITY.**

3. SARAI TO SARAH

GENESIS 17:15-16

"AS FOR SARAI YOUR WIFE, YOU ARE NO LONGER TO CALL HER SARAI; HER NAME WILL BE SARAH."

- **SARAI'S NAME IS CHANGED TO SARAH.**
- **GOD INCLUDES SARAH IN HIS COVENANT PLAN.**
- **SHE WILL BECOME THE MOTHER OF NATIONS.**
- **KINGS OF PEOPLES WILL COME FROM HER.**
- **GOD'S PROMISES DEPEND ON HIS POWER, NOT HUMAN ABILITY.**

4. ABRAM DOUBTS

The background image shows a rugged, rocky terrain under a dark sky. A path of light-colored rocks and sand leads from the foreground towards the horizon. The entire scene is dimly lit, with a semi-transparent dark blue rectangle overlaid in the center, serving as a backdrop for the white text.

GENESIS 17:17

"ABRAHAM FELL FACEDOWN; HE LAUGHED AND SAID TO HIMSELF, 'WILL A SON BE BORN TO A MAN A HUNDRED YEARS OLD? WILL SARAH BEAR A CHILD AT THE AGE OF NINETY?'"

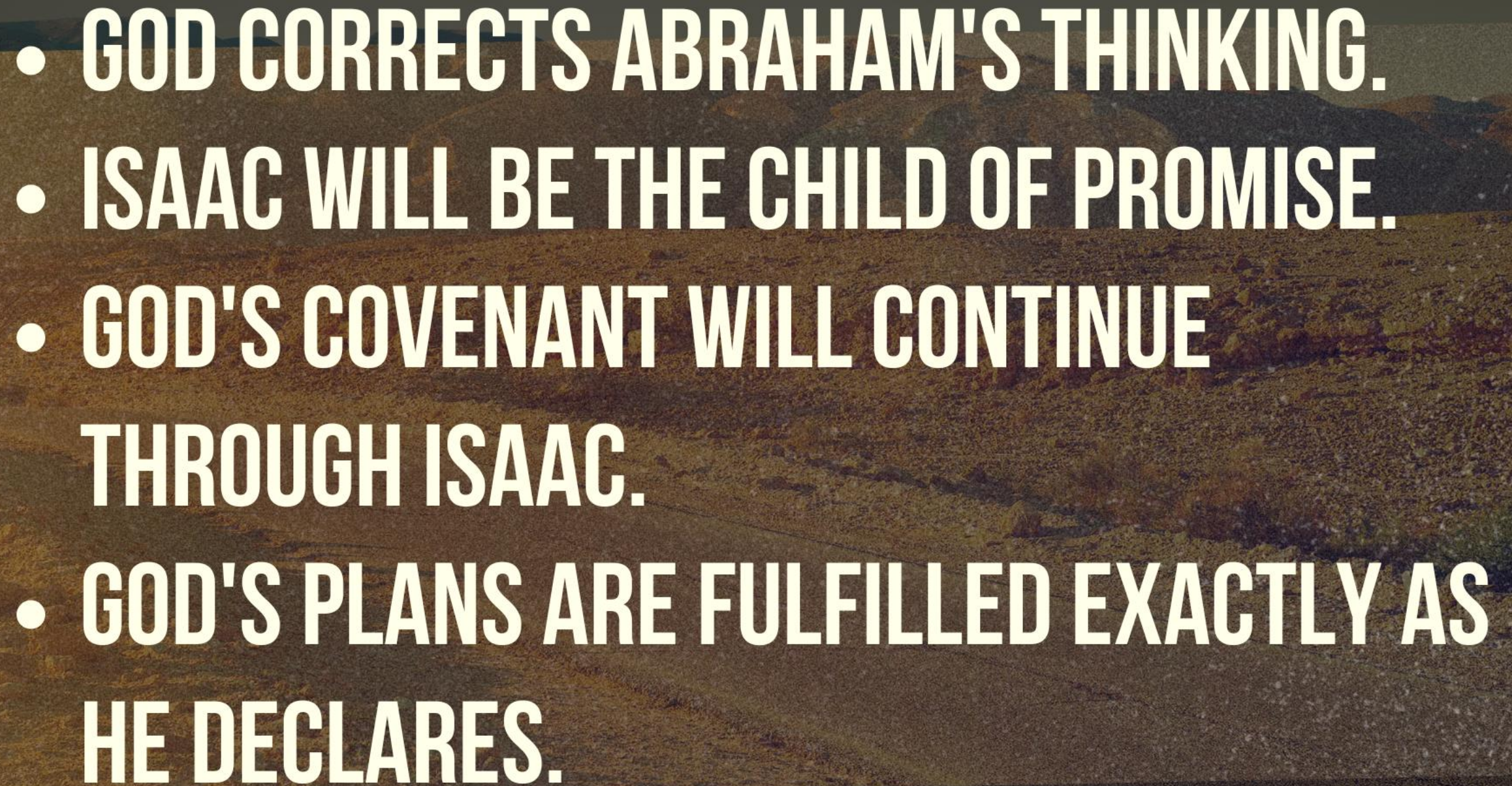
- **ABRAHAM STRUGGLES TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S PROMISE.**
- **HE CONSIDERS HIS OLD AGE.**
- **HE CONSIDERS SARAH'S AGE.**
- **THE PROMISE SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE FROM A HUMAN PERSPECTIVE.**

5. GOD CORRECTS

The image features a dark, atmospheric landscape. The foreground is filled with numerous small, light-colored rocks and sparse, dry vegetation. The background is a dark, textured expanse, possibly a field of low-lying plants or a misty horizon. A semi-transparent dark blue horizontal band is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text '5. GOD CORRECTS' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The word 'CORRECTS' is underlined.

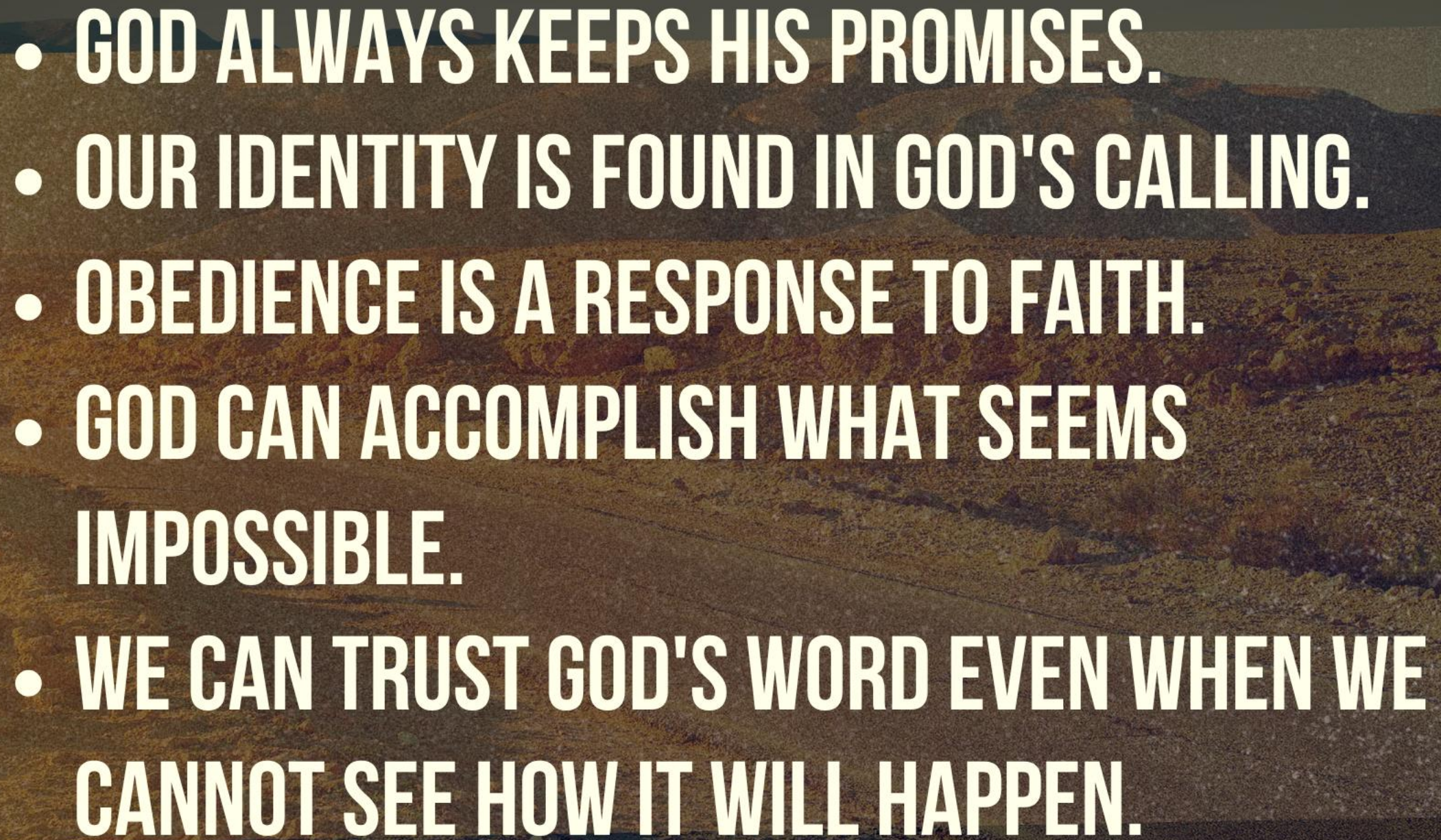
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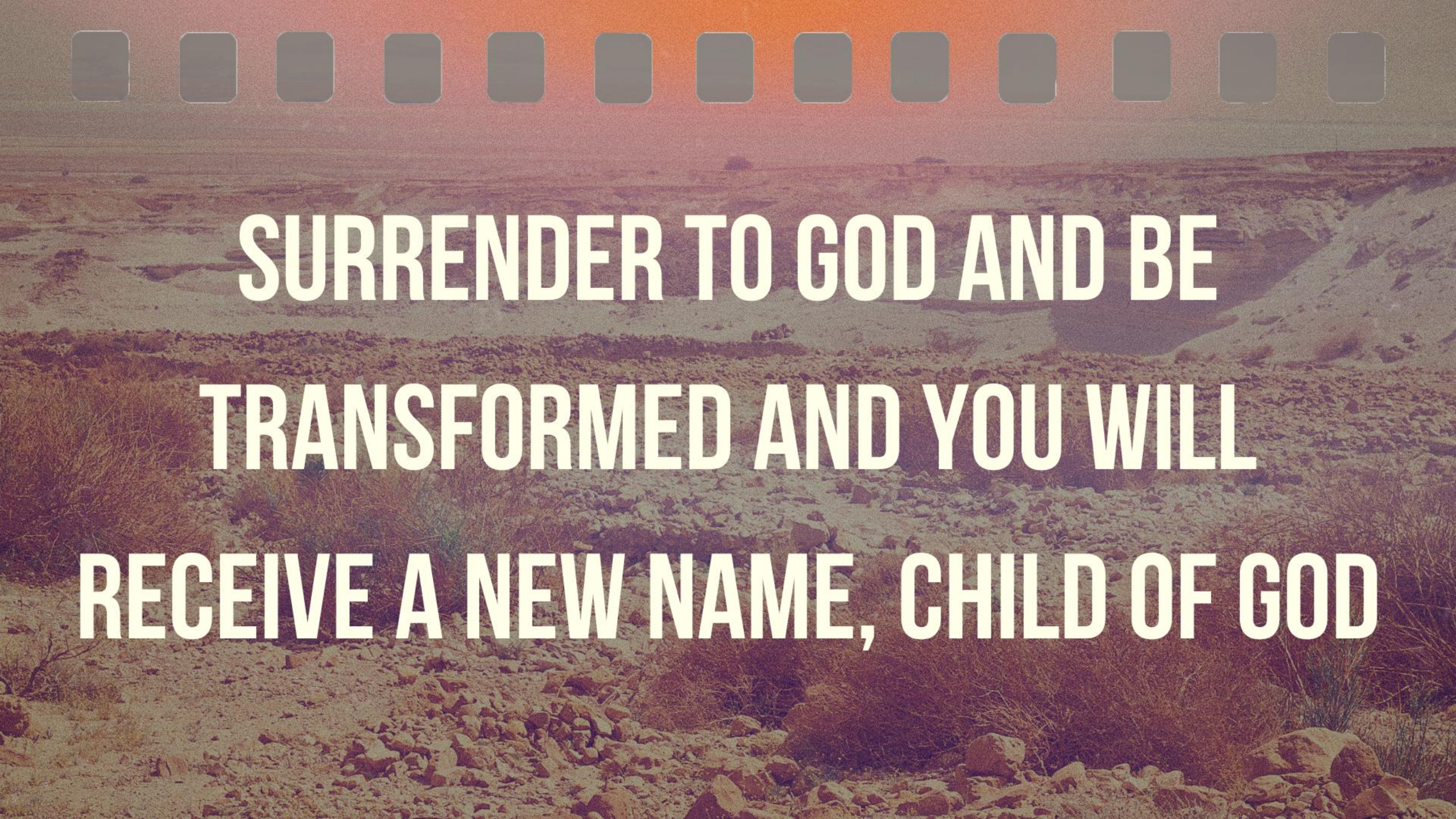
**"YES, BUT YOUR WIFE SARAH WILL BEAR YOU
A SON, AND YOU WILL CALL HIM ISAAC."**

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- **GOD CORRECTS ABRAHAM'S THINKING.**
 - **ISAAC WILL BE THE CHILD OF PROMISE.**
 - **GOD'S COVENANT WILL CONTINUE THROUGH ISAAC.**
 - **GOD'S PLANS ARE FULFILLED EXACTLY AS HE DECLARES.**

GENESIS 17:7

**"I WILL ESTABLISH MY COVENANT AS AN
EVERLASTING COVENANT BETWEEN ME
AND YOU AND YOUR DESCENDANTS AFTER
YOU."**

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- **GOD ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES.**
 - **OUR IDENTITY IS FOUND IN GOD'S CALLING.**
 - **OBEDIENCE IS A RESPONSE TO FAITH.**
 - **GOD CAN ACCOMPLISH WHAT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE.**
 - **WE CAN TRUST GOD'S WORD EVEN WHEN WE CANNOT SEE HOW IT WILL HAPPEN.**

The image features a desert landscape with a film strip border at the top. The text is overlaid on the landscape in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in three lines, centered horizontally. The background is a warm-toned desert scene with a rocky path leading into the distance. The film strip border at the top consists of a series of dark, rounded rectangular frames.

**SURRENDER TO GOD AND BE
TRANSFORMED AND YOU WILL
RECEIVE A NEW NAME, CHILD OF GOD**