



## **Prayer Focus by Christianna Schreifels**

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### **In contending for our land - we will be blessed**

The Holy Spirit led me to write the phrase - "In contending for our promises we will be blessed.". I was reminded of those who contended for what God promised them while facing impossible odds.

Each hero of our faith reaped God's blessings while waiting to receive the promise and each person in the Word received their promise. This is a repeated theme in the Word of God as we know.

As we continue to contend for our promises, the Lord will continue to bless us, and we will see those promises fulfilled.

One thing we learn while walking in trusting the Lord faith for our promises is this - His timing is not our own. We also see that our expectations on how we are to receive what God said, is not going to be received in the timing we envisioned it to be. It is even possible that the promise itself will not be what we thought it was going to look like. Abraham did not think he had to wait for Isaac as long as he did. He also did not know that he and Sarah would mess things up along the way in their wanting to help God bring the promise in their timing. This is referring to Hagar and Ishmael.

We all have witnessed a common thread in the Word of God amongst those who went before us, in which none received the promised blessings as they envisioned them to be, it was messy along the way to the promised and God used it all to refine them and prepare them to receive His promises in due time. They were also witness to the blessings on their journey of contending.

We can trust that we will change in the process of our waiting and the contending so that we are not disappointed or not ready to steward it well. The Holy Spirit uses the process of our waiting and contending to refine us and bring us to a place of surrender.

God's infinite wisdom will bless us in the waiting and build up our faith with the waiting. We will become what He designed us to be just in time.

Let's continue and not tire of waiting for His promises and mostly for meeting Him in our secret place where we are refined, and our faith is being built up.

**Prayer points:**

- 1.) Pray for your health, and for each other's health. Let's cover one another in the Blood of Jesus. Any assignments of troubled health, we cancel in Jesus Name over each person on this team.
- 2.) Let's pray for God to raise up an army of intercessors for our state. Let's be praying for our children that attend public schools.
- 3.) Pray for the Lord to give each one of us endurance and stamina in our daily walk with the Lord and in our work.
- 4.) Let's pray for November's state election.

**Scriptures:**

**Romans 4:13** "Clearly, God's promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendants was based not on his obedience to God's law, but on a right relationship with God that comes by faith."

**James 1:3** "because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance."

**James 1:4** "Allow perseverance to finish its work, so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

**Galatians 6:9** "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

**Song:**

[Chris Tomlin - Holy Forever \(Lyrics\) Phil Wickham, for KING & COUNTRY, Lauren Daigle](#)