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Comebacks are for the Preachers

I. Remind yourself of life's proper perspective.

- Comebacks are for those who see situations in their life through the lens of creation, fall, and redemption!!
- 2. Remember for faith to be trusted it must first be tested.

Genesis 12:1-5a (ESV)

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan.

Genesis 12:10 (ESV)

Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.

• Famines come to answer the faith versus sight question.

James 1:2-4 (ESV)

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

- God is testing my faith in order to grow my faith.
- 3. Remember that no matter the cost it will always be worth it!

Genesis 15:1 (ESV)

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

2 Corinthians 4:16-17 (ESV)

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

- 4. Remember that God keeps His end of the bargain and <u>mine</u>! (Genesis 15:1-8)
 - My unfaithfulness doesn't stop God's faithfulness.
- 5. Remind yourself that nothing is impossible for your God!

Genesis 21:1-7 (ESV)

The Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised. ² And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³ Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. ⁴ And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶ And Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me." ⁷ And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

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