

Walk of Faith

The Life of Abraham



Joy

- ❖ **Not an emotion we experience but a posture in which we choose to walk**
- ❖ **Our joy comes in the promise of our salvation**
- ❖ **Choose to walk in joy in the midst of all the emotions**



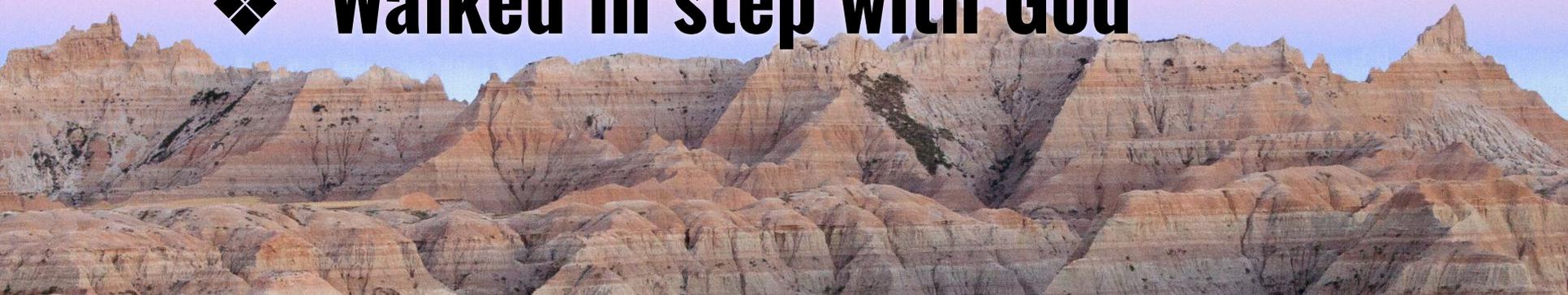
Punchline

Even when you don't feel like jumping for joy, you can walk in the joy of the Lord



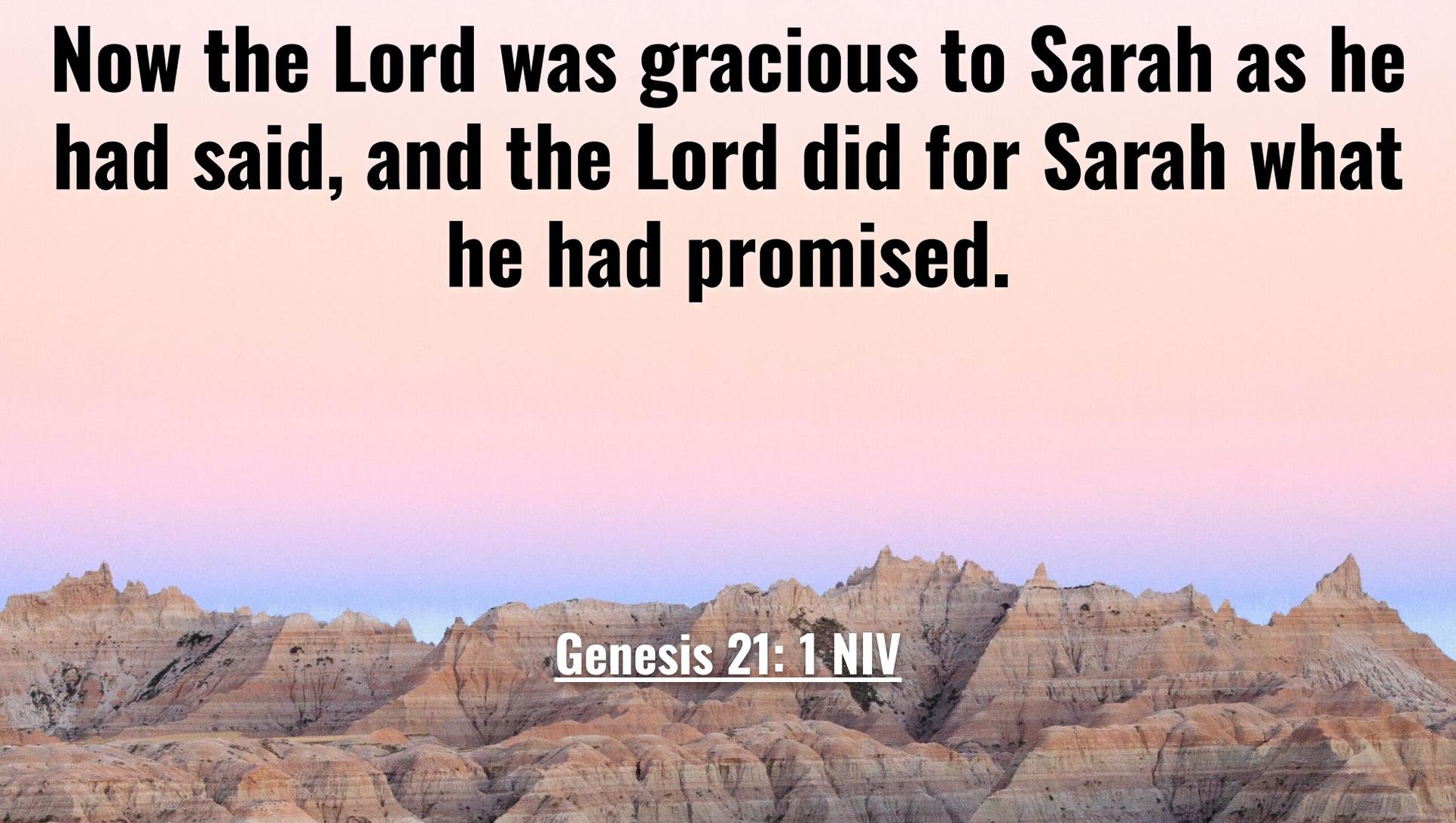
Recap

- ❖ **Walked in obedience**
- ❖ **Walked in the midst of fear**
- ❖ **Walked in the midst of conflict**
- ❖ **Walked in the midst of waiting**
- ❖ **Walked in step with God**



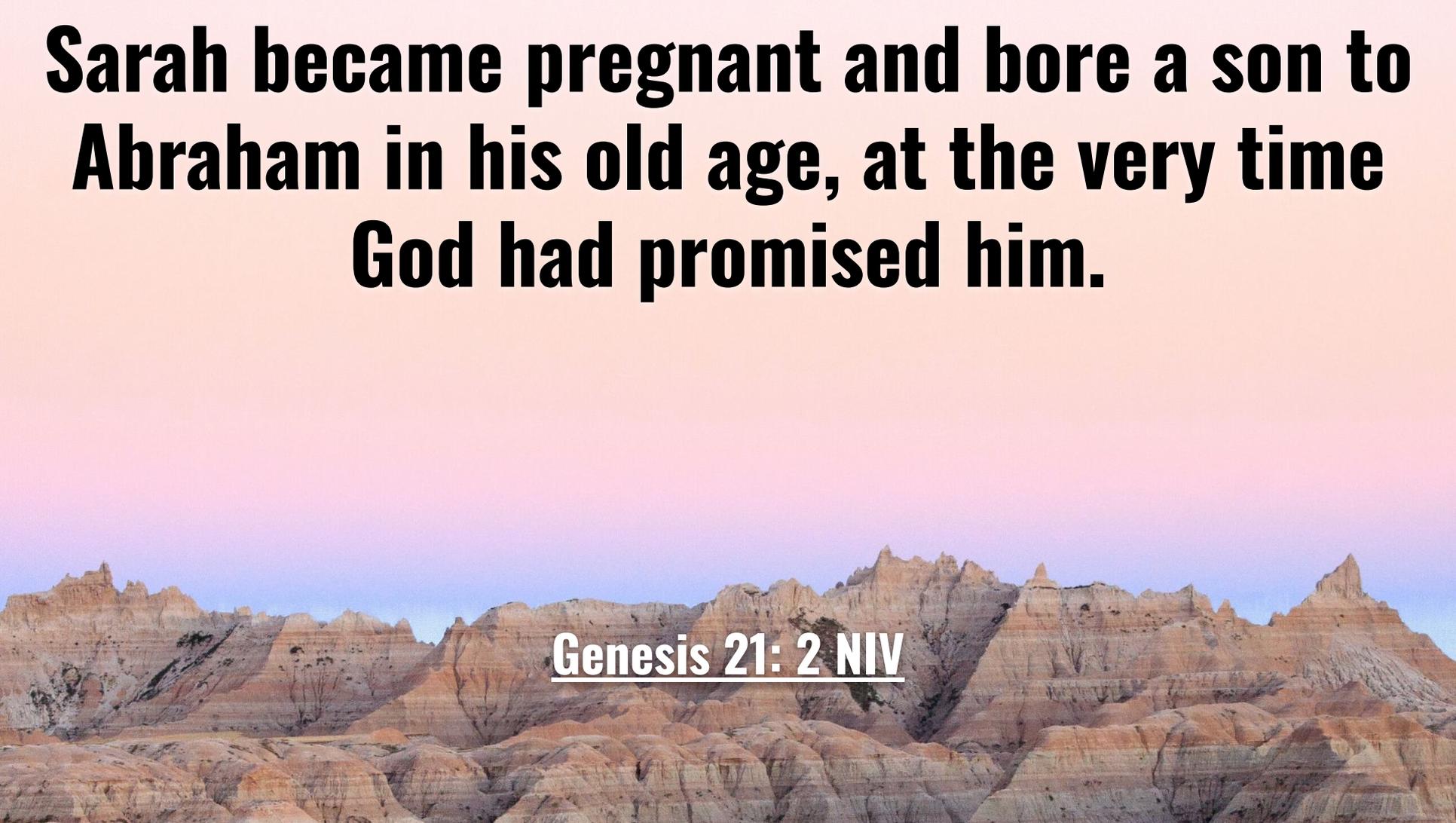
Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised.

Genesis 21: 1 NIV

A landscape of rugged, layered rock formations, likely a desert canyon, under a soft, pinkish-purple sky. The rock formations are composed of distinct horizontal layers, suggesting sedimentary or volcanic origins. The sky is a gradient of light pink and purple, indicating a sunrise or sunset. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

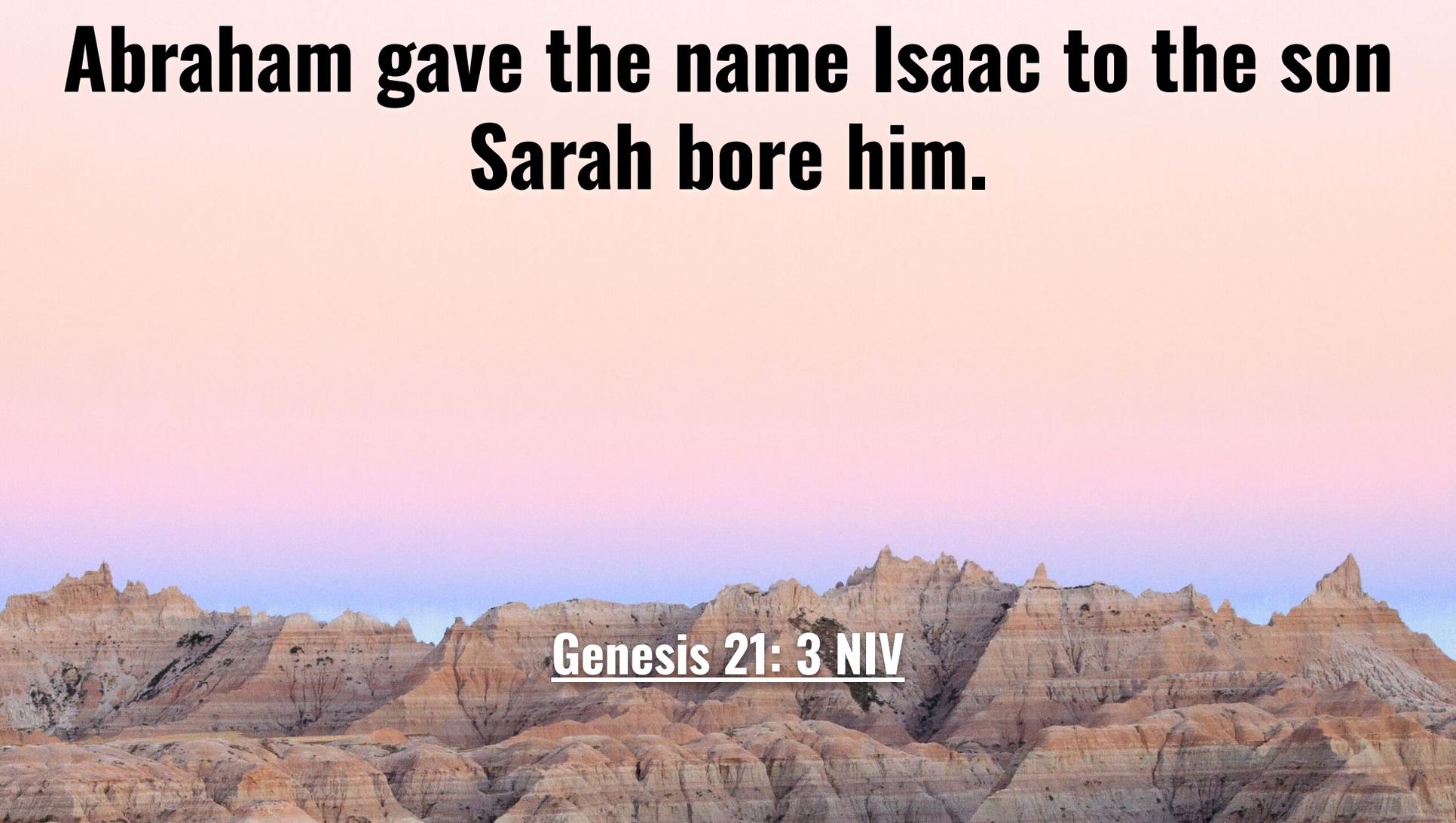
Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him.

Genesis 21: 2 NIV

The background of the image is a landscape of rugged, layered rock formations, likely a desert canyon. The rocks are in shades of orange, tan, and brown, with distinct horizontal strata. The sky above is a gradient of colors, transitioning from a pale blue at the top to a soft pink and purple near the horizon, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall scene is arid and dramatic.

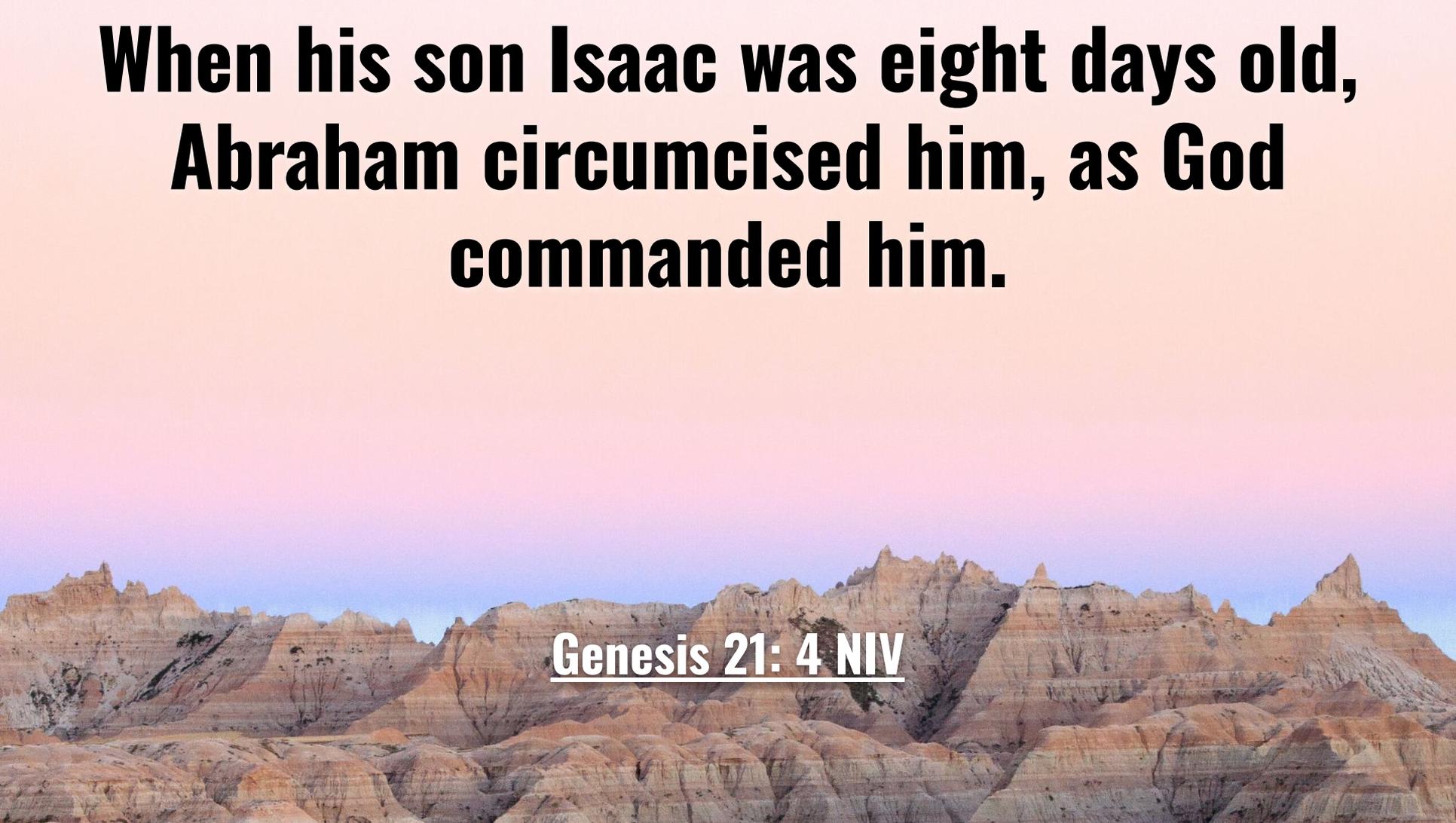
**Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son
Sarah bore him.**

Genesis 21: 3 NIV

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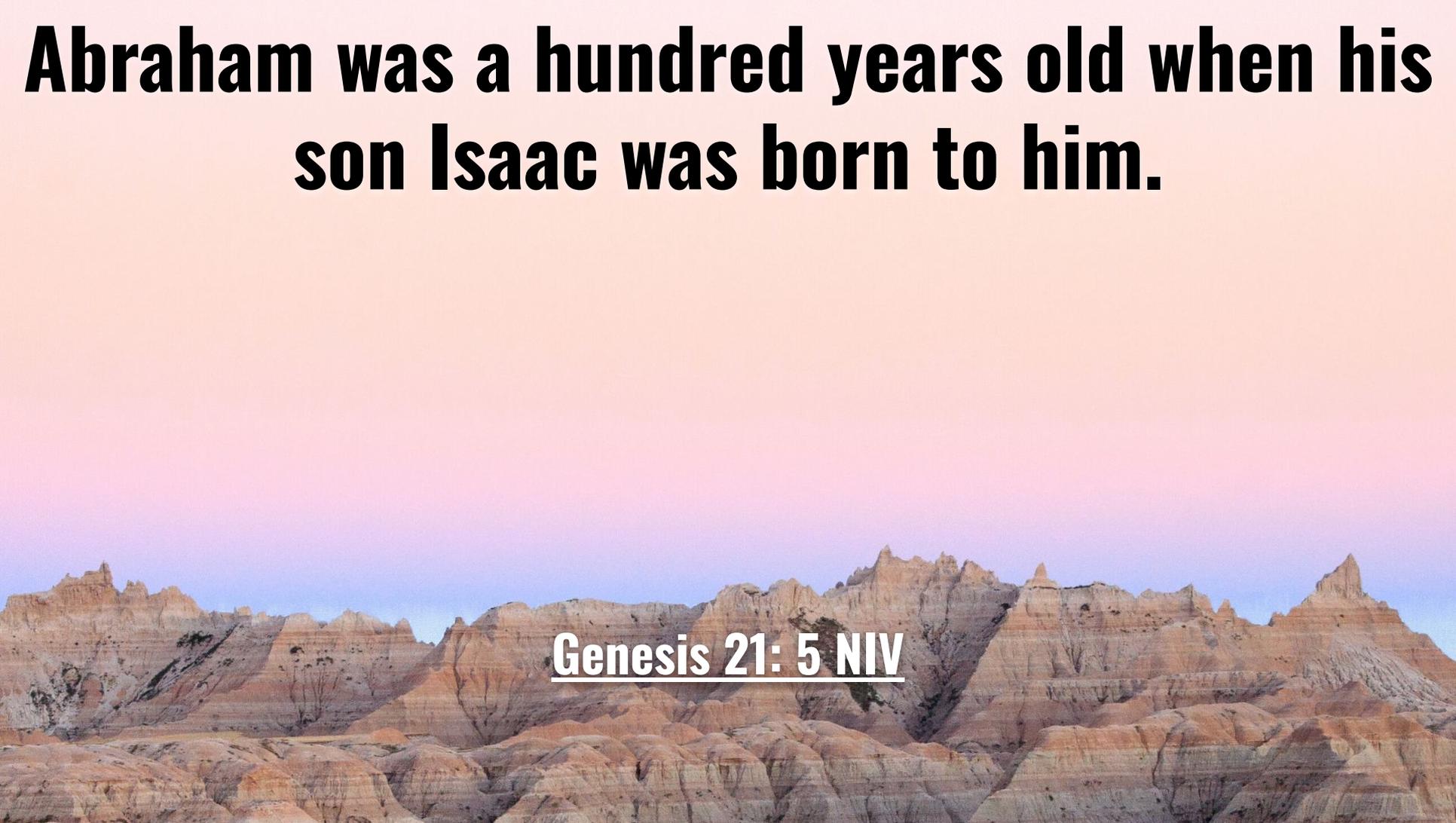
**When his son Isaac was eight days old,
Abraham circumcised him, as God
commanded him.**

Genesis 21: 4 NIV

A landscape of rugged, layered rock formations, likely a desert canyon, under a soft, pink and blue sky. The rock formations are composed of distinct horizontal layers, suggesting sedimentary or volcanic origins. The sky transitions from a pale blue at the top to a soft pink near the horizon. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

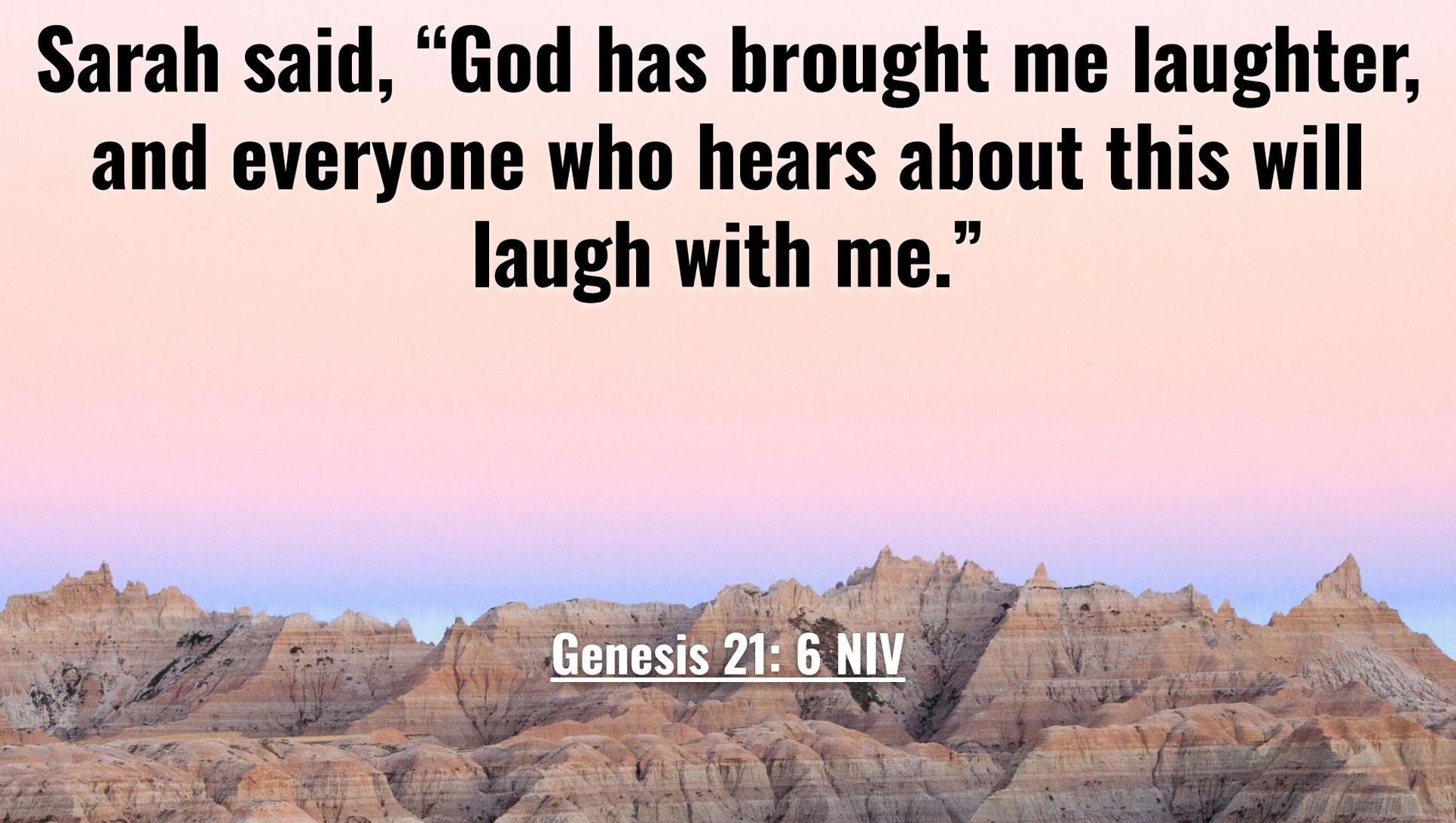
Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

Genesis 21: 5 NIV

A landscape of rugged, layered rock formations, likely a desert canyon, under a sky with a gradient of pink and blue. The rock formations are composed of distinct horizontal layers, suggesting sedimentary or volcanic origins. The sky transitions from a soft pink at the top to a pale blue near the horizon. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

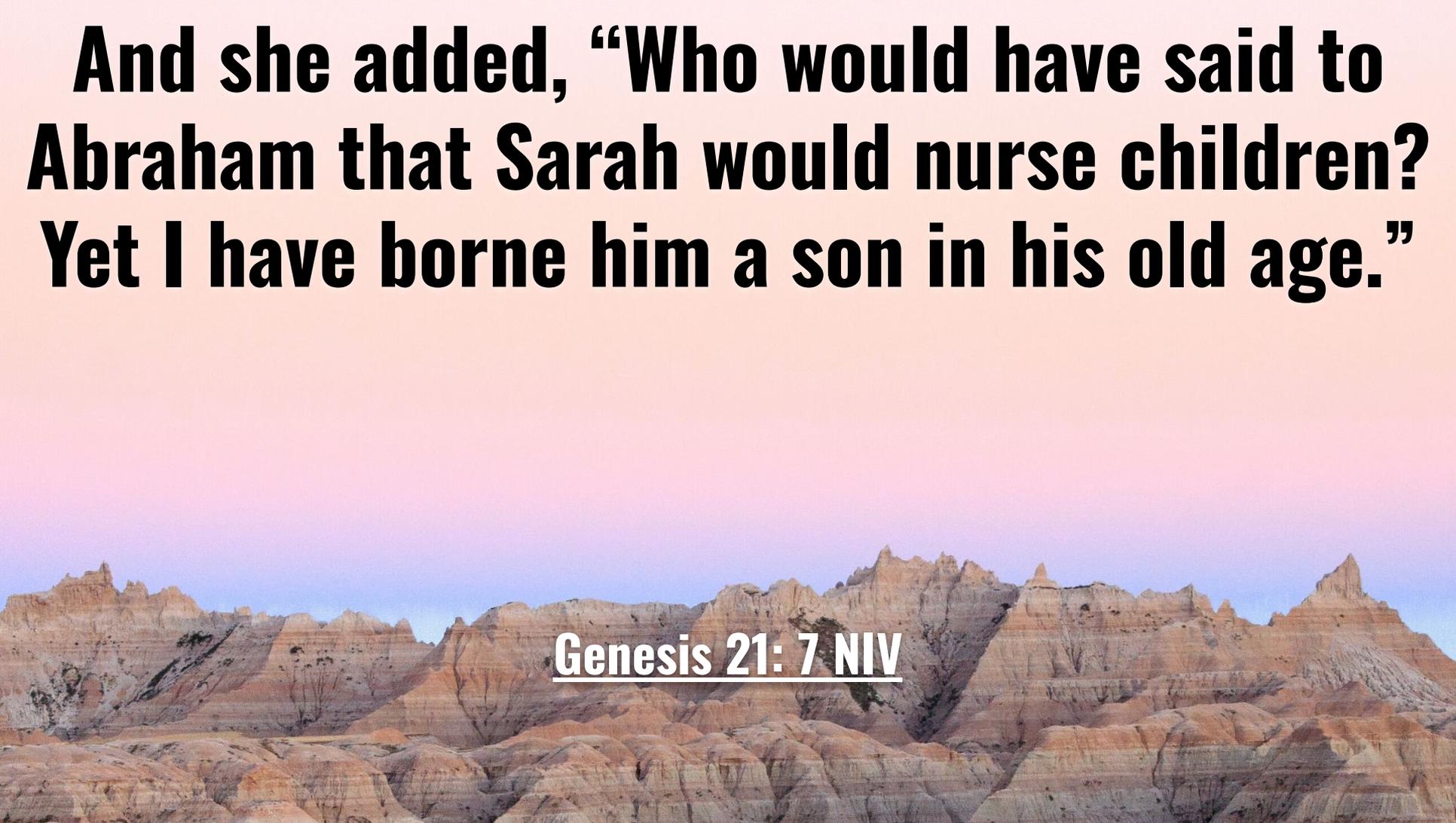
**Sarah said, “God has brought me laughter,
and everyone who hears about this will
laugh with me.”**

Genesis 21: 6 NIV

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And she added, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

Genesis 21: 7 NIV

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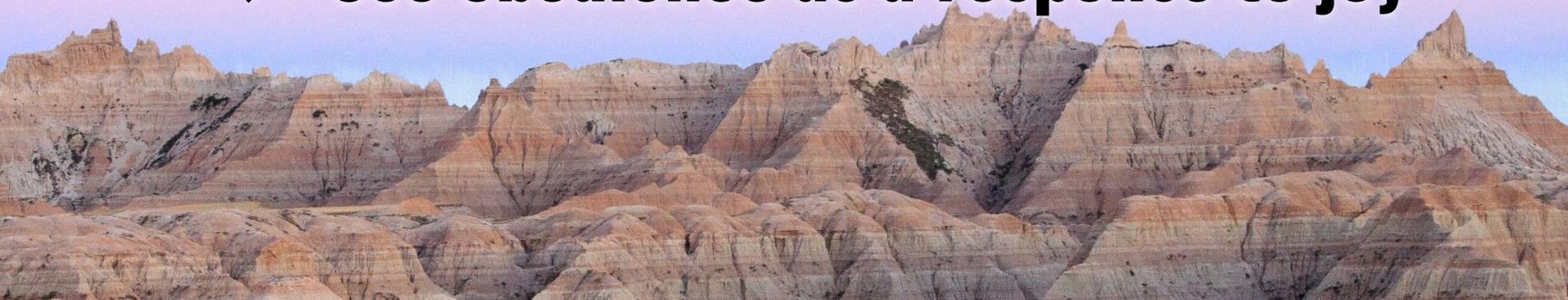
The Birth of Isaac

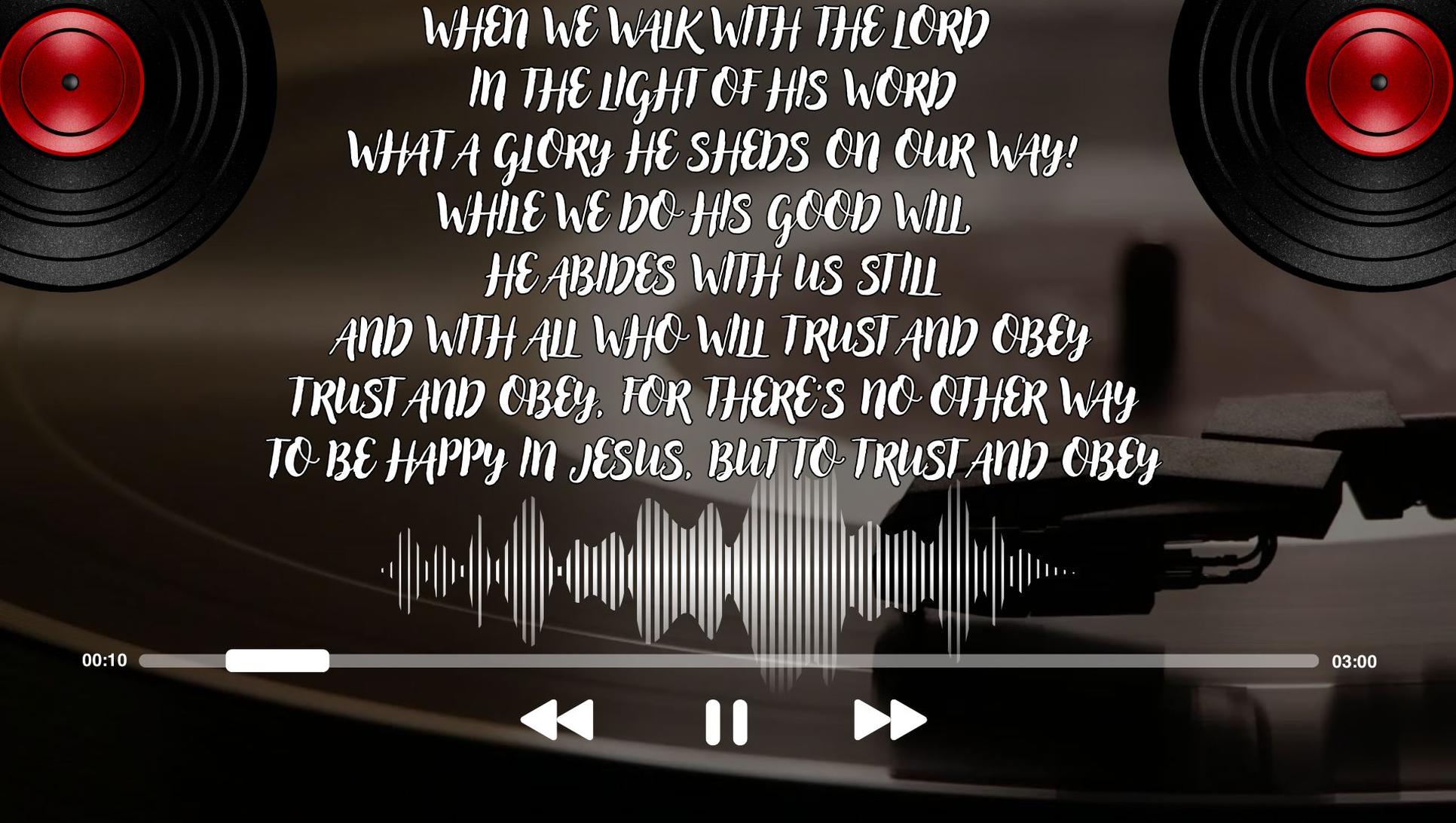
- ❖ **God was gracious**
- ❖ **God did what He promised**
- ❖ **Abraham obeyed**
- ❖ **Sarah laughed in joy**



Walk In Obedience

- ❖ **Think about why you are doing what God has asked you to do**
 - **It's because WE HAVE the promise of salvation**
- ❖ **See obedience as a response to joy**





WHEN WE WALK WITH THE LORD
IN THE LIGHT OF HIS WORD
WHAT A GLORY HE SHEDS ON OUR WAY!
WHILE WE DO HIS GOOD WILL
HE ABIDES WITH US STILL
AND WITH ALL WHO WILL TRUST AND OBEY
TRUST AND OBEY. FOR THERE'S NO OTHER WAY
TO BE HAPPY IN JESUS. BUT TO TRUST AND OBEY

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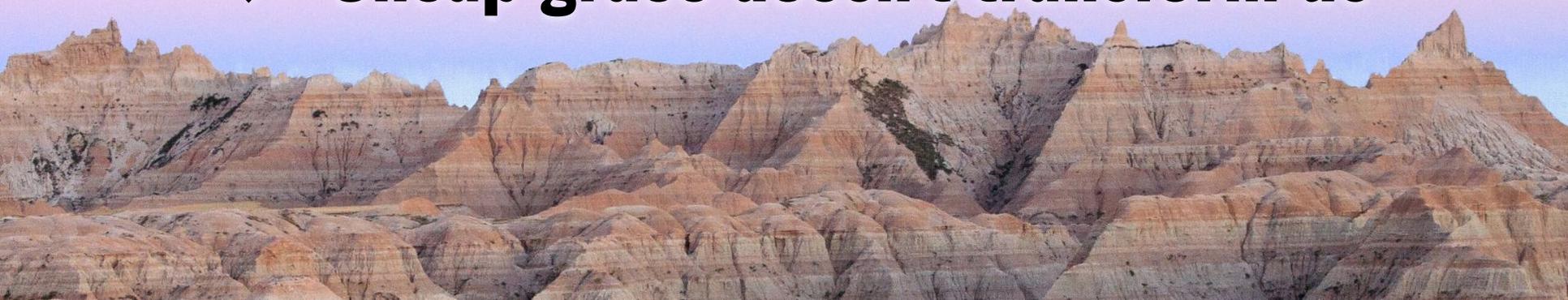
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Walk In God's Graciousness

- ❖ **Accept it - it's there to take**
- ❖ **Get down on your knees, open up your arms in humility, and accept it**
- ❖ **Don't take grace for granted**
- ❖ **Cheap grace doesn't transform us**





Walk In God's Perfect Timing

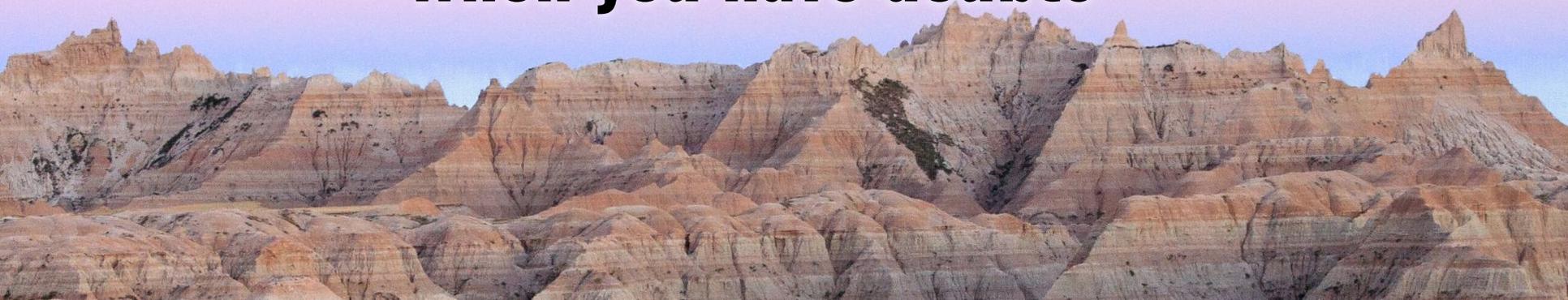
- ❖ Many of us think the right time, is right now
- ❖ God may need to show you something before the next thing in your life
- ❖ God might be moving pieces around that you don't see





Walk In Laughter

- ❖ **Not making light of a situation but seeing the light of God come through brightly in all situations**
 - **When you think there is no way**
 - **When you have doubts**



Walk In Joy

- ❖ **Walk in obedience**
- ❖ **Walk in God's graciousness**
- ❖ **Walk in God's perfect timing**
- ❖ **Walk in laughter**

