

FROM BIBLE PROMISES FOR PARENTS
OF CHILDREN WITH
SPECIAL NEEDS BY AMY E. MASON

#### WHEN YOUR HEART BREAKS FOR YOUR CHILD

**Psalm 22:24 (NLT)** – For he has not ignored or belittled the suffering of the needy. He has not turned his back on them, but has listened to their cries for help.

**Psalm 31:7 (NLT)** - I will be glad and rejoice in your unfailing love, for you have seen my troubles, and you care about the anguish of my soul.

### WHEN YOU START TO DOUBT THAT PROGRESS IS POSSIBLE

Isaiah 35: 3-6 (NLT) - With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands, and encourage those who have weak knees. Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you." And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind and unplug the ears of the deaf. The lame will leap like a deer, and those who cannot speak will sing for joy! Springs will gush forth in the wilderness, and streams will water the wasteland.

#### WHEN YOUR CHILD REGRESSES

2 Corinthians 4:8-9,18 (NLT) - We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.

So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

#### WHEN YOUR CHILD REGRESSES

Hebrews 4:15-16 (NLT) - This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

#### WHEN YOU WANT TO LEAVE A LEGACY

1 Corinthians 3:10-11 (NLT) – Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ.

### WHEN YOU NEED PERSPECTIVE ON YOUR ULTIMATE GOALS

Proverbs 4:25-27 (NLT) - Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.

Philippians 3:13-14 (NLT) - No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

### WHEN YOU WONDER IF YOUR CHILD WILL MEET THE GOALS YOU'RE WORKING TOWARD

**Zechariah 4:10a (NLT)** - Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin.

## WHEN YOU ARE PRAYING FOR A FULL RECOVERY FOR YOUR CHILD

**Psalm 103:3-5 (NLT) -** He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's!

### WHEN YOUR FAMILY NEEDS MORE THAN YOU CAN GIVE

Psalm 138:3 (NLT) - As soon as I pray, you answer me; you encourage me by giving me strength. Every king in all the earth will thank you, Lord, for all of them will hear your words. Yes, they will sing about the Lord's ways, for the glory of the Lord is very great.

**Philippians 4:19 (NLT)** -And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

#### WHEN YOU FEEL INADEQUATE AS A PARENT

**2** Peter 1:3 (NLT) - By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.

John 15:5 (NLT) - Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

#### WHEN YOUR MIND IS BUZZING WITH WORRY

Matthew 6:31-32 (NLT) - So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.

Isaiah 26:3 (NLT) - You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

## WHEN YOUR CHILD'S THERAPISTS OR DOCTORS PRESSURE YOU TO DO MORE

**Psalm 55:22 (NLT) -** Give your burdens to the Lord, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall.

#### WHEN THE NEXT STEPS ARE UNCERTAIN

**Psalm 119:165 (NLT)** - Those who love your instructions have great peace and do not stumble.

Hosea 14:9 (NLT) - Let those who are wise understand these things. Let those with discernment listen carefully. The paths of the Lord are true and right, and righteous people live by walking in them. But in those paths sinners stumble and fall.

### WHEN YOU'RE AFRAID YOU'VE GONE IN THE WRONG DIRECTION

**Psalm 18:33, 36 (NLT) -** He makes me as surefooted as a deer, enabling me to stand on mountains heights.

You have made a wide path for my feet to keep them from slipping.

**Psalm 3:3 (NLT) -** But you, O Lord, are a shield around me; you are my glory, the one who holds my head high.

### WHEN YOU WONDER HOW YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE IT THROUGH THIS TRIAL

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (NLT) - Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom.

Isaiah 43:1-2 (NLT) - But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.

#### WHEN YOUR SUFFERING FEELS POINTLESS

1 Peter 4:12-13 (NLT) - Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. 13 Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world.

#### WHEN YOU NEED SOMEONE TO LEAN ON

**Lamentations 3:25 (NLT)** - The Lord is good to those who depend on him and search for him.

Hosea 14:9 (NLT) - Let those who are wise understand these things. Let those with discernment listen carefully. The paths of the Lord are true and right, and righteous people live by walking in them. But in those paths sinners stumble and fall.

# WHEN YOU'RE EXHAUSTED FROM FIGHTING FOR YOUR CHILD AND WISH SOMEONE WOULD STAND UP FOR YOU

**Deuteronomy 33:27 (NLT) -** The eternal God is your refuge, and his everlasting arms are under you. He drives out the enemy before you; he cries out, 'Destroy them!'

### WHEN YOU WONDER HOW YOU'VE SURVIVED THIS LONG

1 Corinthians 15:10 (NLT) - But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me—and not without results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace.

Isaiah 26:3 (NLT) - You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

### WHEN YOU NEED A STRATEGY TO KEEP YOUR HEART FAITHFUL

Ephesians 6:10-12 (NLT) - GA final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we[a] are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

## WHEN PARENTING A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS GOES BEYOND YOUR WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE

**Psalm 142:3a (NLT)** - When I am overwhelmed, you alone know the way I should turn.

#### WHEN YOU COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

**Psalm 50:23 (NLT) -** But giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors me. If you keep to my path, I will reveal to you the salvation of God.

Psalm 92:1 (NLT) - It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High.

### **NOTES**

