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Practice: Name one area of your life where you have quietly lowered your expectations. Offer it to God in prayer today.

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Day 2: The God of New Beginnings Genesis 18:14

Reflection: God's question is not about Sarah's ability. It is about God's faithfulness. We often focus on our limitations while God focuses on His possibilities.

Question: Am I focusing more on my limitations or God's faithfulness?

Practice: Write down three ways God has been faithful to you in the past.

Day 3: Adjusting Proverbs 3:5

Reflection: When life becomes difficult, we often adjust our dreams downward. Faith invites us to adjust our trust upward.

Question: Where have I adjusted my dreams instead of adjusting my trust?

Practice: Pray: "Lord, help me trust You more than my circumstances."

Day 4: Still Called Joel 2:28

Reflection: The Spirit moves through every generation. God is not finished with His people simply because they have more years behind them than ahead of them.

Question: Have I ever disqualified myself because of my age, ability, or circumstances?

Practice: Ask God to show you one way He can still use your gifts to bless others.

Day 5: Offer What You Still Have 1 Peter 4:10

Reflection: We can spend so much time grieving what we no longer have that we forget what we still have to offer. God works through willing hearts, not perfect circumstances.

Question: What do I still have that God can use?

Practice: Make a list of gifts, experiences, wisdom, relationships, or opportunities God has already given you.

Day 6: God Is Not Finished Philippians 1:6

Reflection: God is still working in your life, your family, your church, and your community. The story is not over because God is still writing it.

Question: Where do I need to trust that God is still at work?

Practice: Spend five minutes thanking God for one area where you believe He is still working, even if you cannot yet see the outcome.

Day 7: A Greater Hope Romans 15:13

Reflection: A greater hope is not wishful thinking. It is confidence that God's future is larger than our limitations and stronger than our disappointments.

Question: What would change if I truly believed God was not finished yet?

Practice: Take one small step this week toward God's future—make a call, offer a prayer, encourage someone, volunteer, invite, or serve.

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