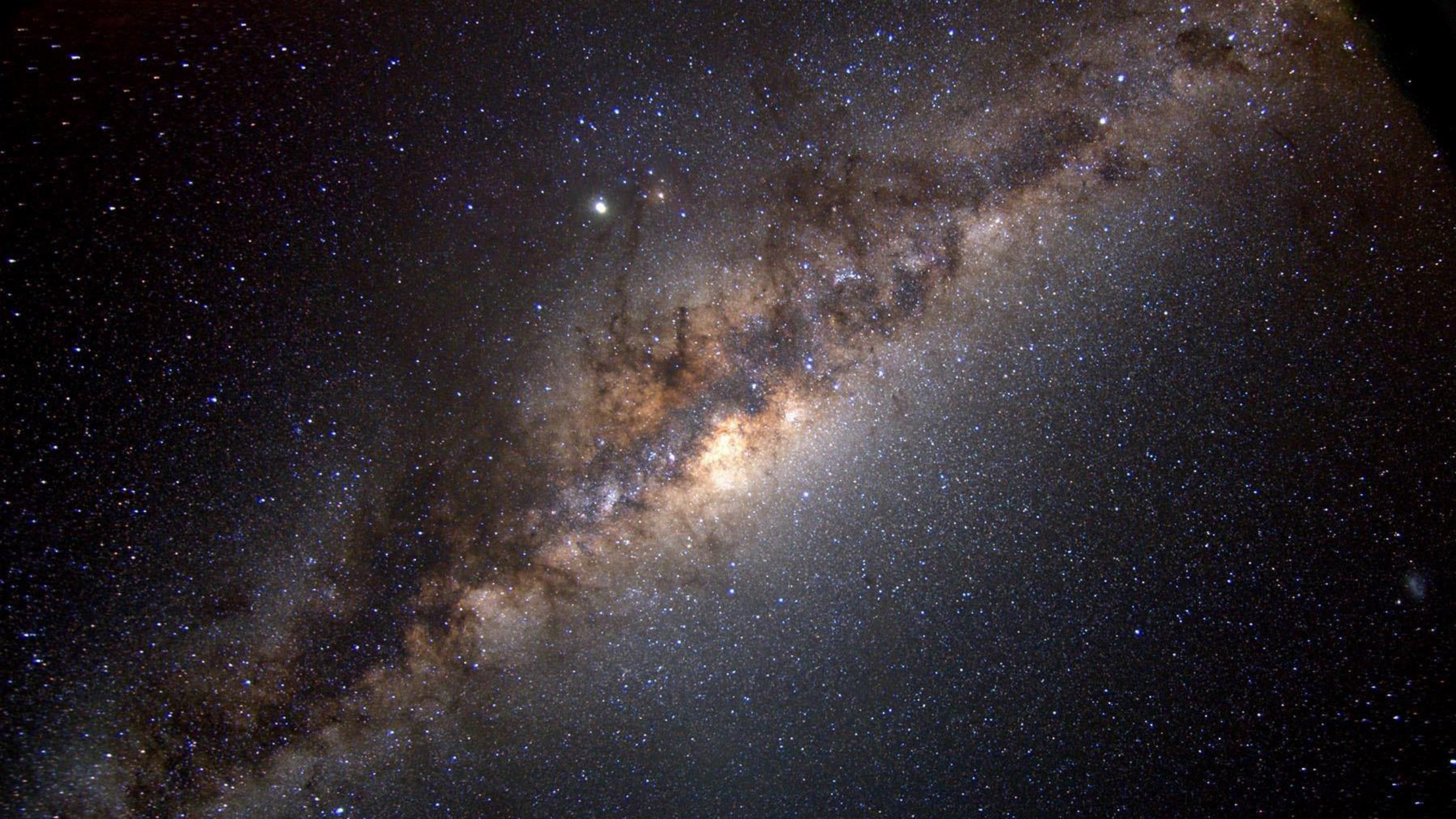


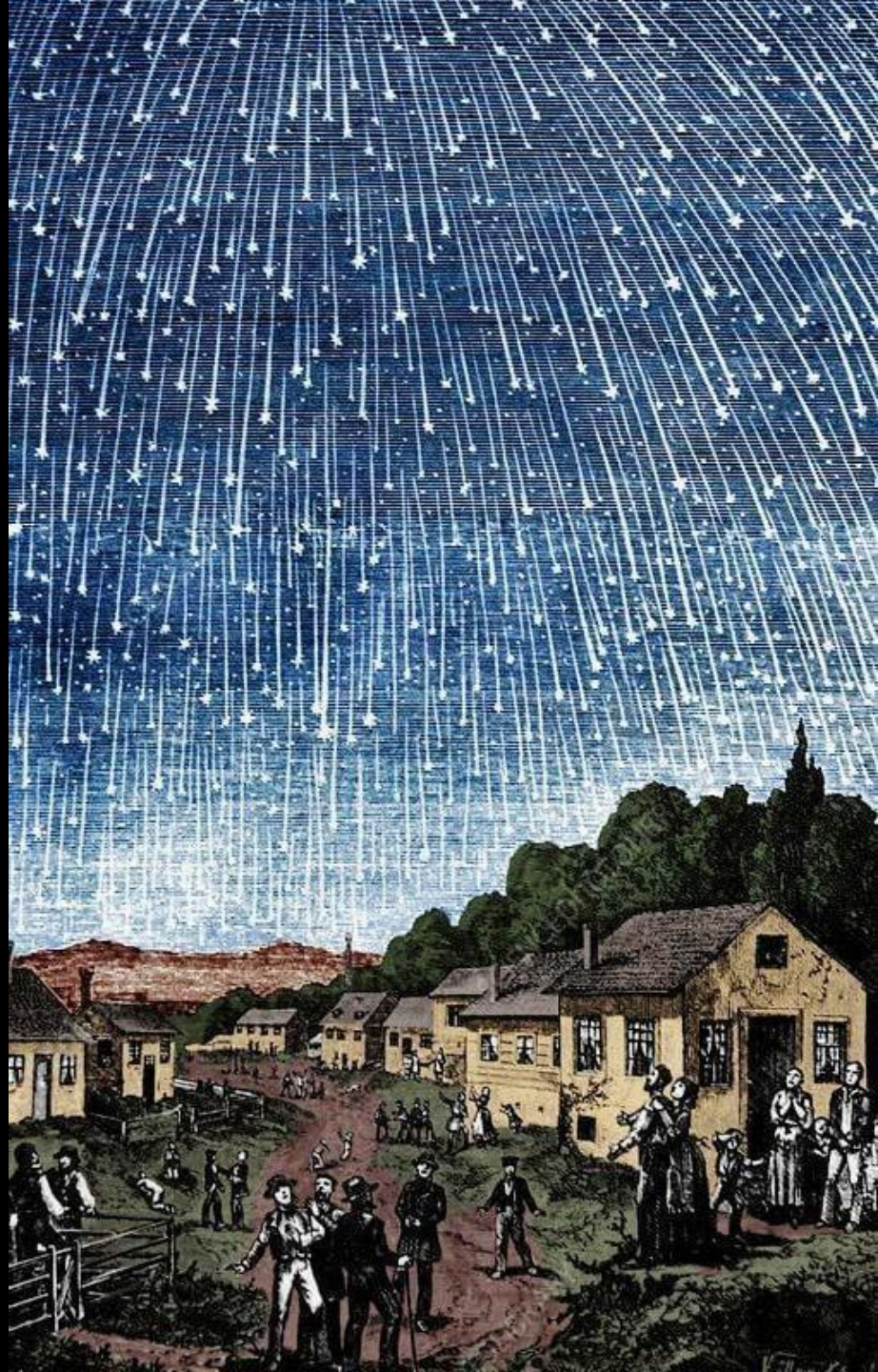
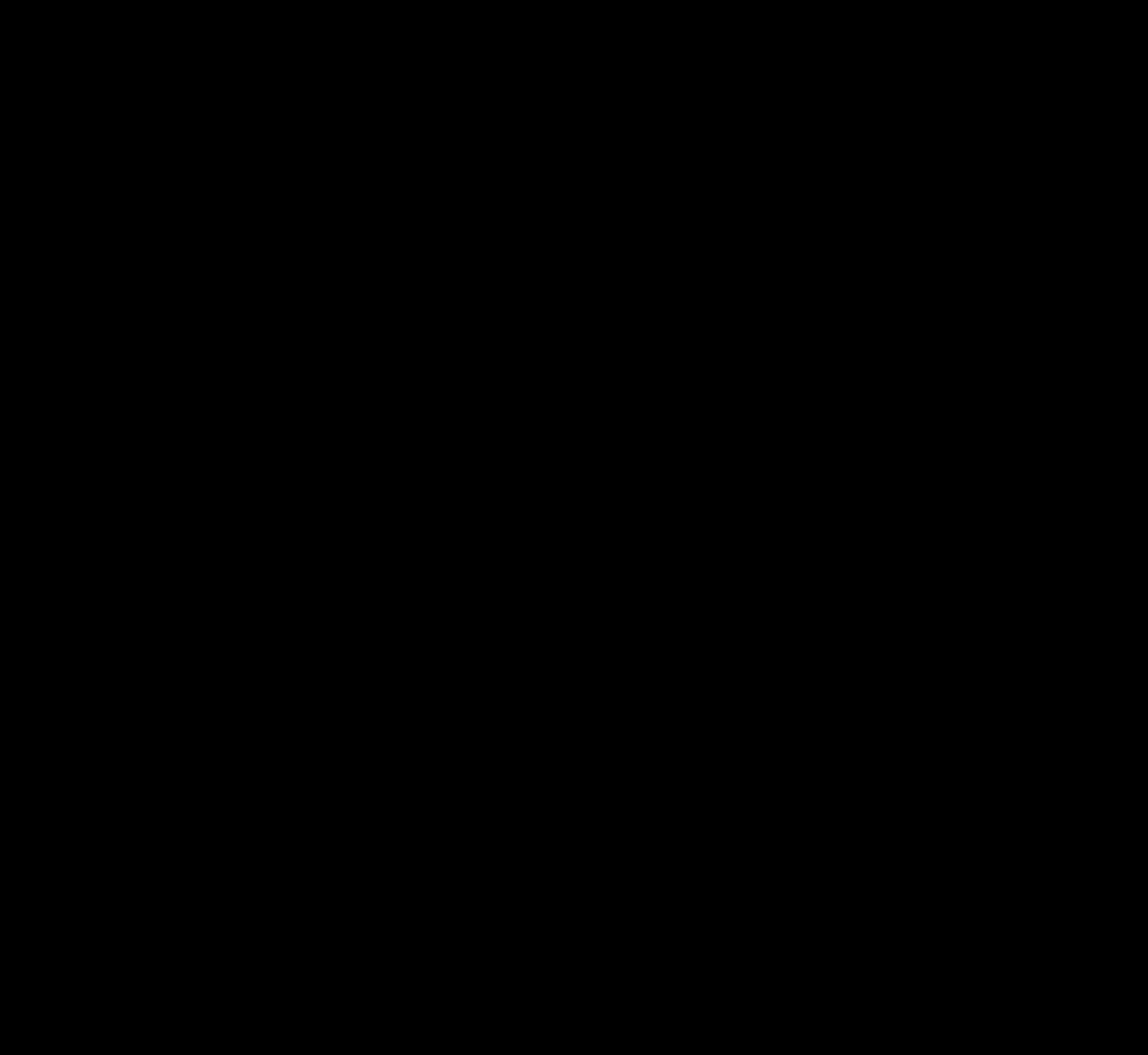
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Revelation 6:13 (ESV):
“The stars of the sky
fell to the earth as
the fig tree sheds its
winter fruit when
shaken by a gale.”



“I heard my parents and others describe it next morning, as being the most awful sight that was ever looked upon with mortal eye. They said that the firmament on high was one solid glare of fire and light, and it looked as though every star in the sky was falling to the ground, and that they were certain the Day of Judgment was at hand. There were many wicked men on their knees that night praying to the Lord, and calling on others to pray for them, that had never been known to bow in prayer before. Such wild confusion had never been seen....”

“...Next morning after all was over there seemed to be a solemn gloom resting on everyone’s countenance. It seemed that they were expecting more to occur. But everything moved on as usual. But I do not suppose that the scenes of that night were ever erased from the memory of those that were eyewitnesses to the frightful event.”

(From Mary A. Hansard’s book Old Time Tazewell)

“No language, indeed, can come up to the splendor of that magnificent display;...no one who did not witness it can form an adequate conception of its glory. It seemed as if the whole starry heavens had congregated at one point near the zenith, and were simultaneously shooting forth, with the velocity of lightning, to every part of the horizon; and yet they were not exhausted – thousands swiftly followed in the tracks of thousands, as if created for the occasion.” (From F. Reed’s article in Christian Advocate and Journal, December 13, 1833)



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Genesis 18:1-15 (ESV): “And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth 3 and said, ‘O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree,...”

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“...5 while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.’ So they said, ‘Do as you have said.’ 6 And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, ‘Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.’ 7 And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly....”

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“...8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. 9 They said to him, ‘Where is Sarah your wife?’ And he said, ‘She is in the tent.’ 10 The Lord said, ‘I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.’ And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah....”

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**“...12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, ‘After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?’
13 The Lord said to Abraham, ‘Why did Sarah laugh and say, “Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?” 14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.’ 15 But Sarah denied it, saying, ‘I did not laugh,’ for she was afraid. He said, ‘No, but you did laugh.’”**

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**Genesis 15:5 (ESV): “Look toward heaven,
and number the stars, if you are able to
number them.... So shall your offspring
be.”**

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**ON ANY ORDINARY
DAY,
GOD CAN STILL TAKE YOUR BREATH
AWAY.**

Main Point

Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV): “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

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Matthew 18:1-4 (ESV): “At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, ‘Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?’ 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, ‘Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.’” **Pregnant Pause**

John 6:40 (NIV): “For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”

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**KEEP DOING YOUR
PART
WITH WONDER IN YOUR
HEART.**

Application

Colossians 4:2-3 (ESV): “Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. 3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ.”

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Hebrews 13:2 (ESV): “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.”

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