





A woman with long dark hair, wearing a white lace-trimmed dress, stands on a sandy beach. Her arms are outstretched to the sides, and her hair is blowing in the wind. The background shows the ocean waves and a clear blue sky. The entire scene is framed by a light orange border.

# **Stretching Out To Your Destiny**

**Isaiah 54:1-4**

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## Isaiah 54:1-4 NIV

- **“Sing, barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband, ”says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. <sup>3</sup> For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.**

## Isaiah 54:1-4 NIV

- 4 “Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood.



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## Stretching For A Blessing v.2a-b

<sup>2</sup> *"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.*

**Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request. 1 Chronicles 4:10**

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### Striving For A Blessing v.2c-d

<sup>2</sup> “Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, *do not hold back; lengthen your cords,* strengthen your stakes.

**By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead. Hebrews 11:4**

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## Strengthening For A Blessing v.2e

<sup>2</sup> “Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, *strengthen your stakes.*

<sup>9</sup> For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him...

2 Chronicles 16:9

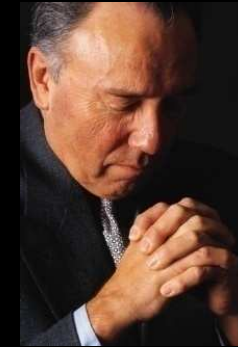
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## Conclusion:

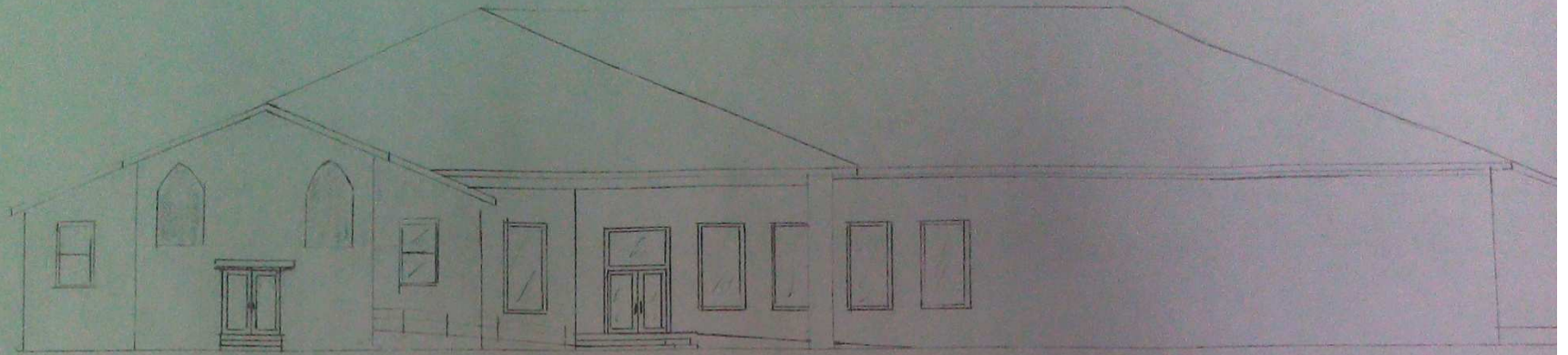


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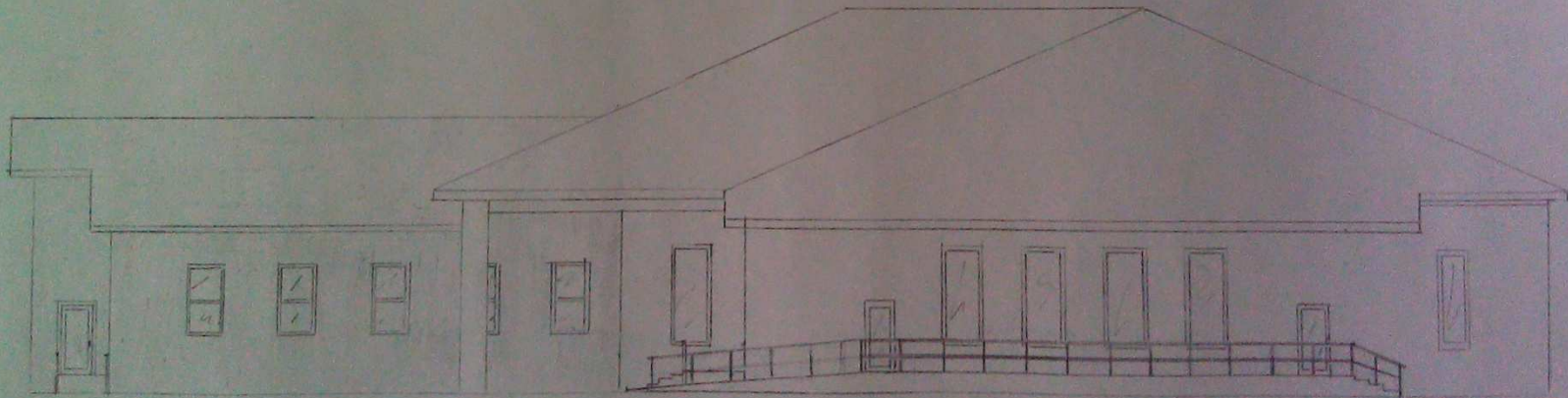
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- **Decisions to make today!**
- **Accept Jesus Christ as you Lord and Saviour**
- **Be baptized**
- **Join Bethlehem Baptist Church**
- **Ask for prayer**
- **Testify**
- **Ministry or Mission**



west view



North View

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