



Tara's "Horses Hoped For" Promises

God Does the Impossible

Nothing is impossible *with GOD!!*



GOD said, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" and "what is seen is temporary, but the unseen is eternal [forever]."

Soon after Macy's family of nine moved to a small farm, Macy's sister, Tara, got to ride on the neighbor's horse 🐾 whose name was Denny.



That's when Tara and her sister both *hoped for a horse of their own*. But when they asked their dad he replied, "So sorry, girls, not possible. Horses



are just too expensive." But what does God say? He says, "For nothing will be impossible WITH GOD."

And because Tara and her siblings were taught never to ask again, they quickly obeyed "so it would go well with them and they would live a long life." To honor their parents, they simply asked God, their Heavenly Father. Because they remembered what GOD said, "The things that are impossible with people are possible WITH GOD."

How did God give Tara and her sister the "desires of their hearts"?



You'll laugh when you hear that it started when Macy and Tara's brother, Edward, decided to raise a pig 🐷 for their family! Because they'd had always lived in the city, Edward needed help to learn how to raise a pig. So their mom said the best solution would be to

join a 4-H club, which teaches children in rural areas how to do things on a farm like care for all sorts of animals.

Tara and her sister had waited a long time for God to answer their prayers, but having to wait is a *GOOD* thing!! Do you know why? It's because *GOD* said, "*But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.*" After waiting patiently a long time for God to

answer the girls' prayers for a horse, they were more than ready for the challenges of having and caring for what God was about to bless them with!

That's not all, by trusting God, Tara made sure she was "radiant" because she "looked to Him" and she remained strong spiritually (the most important strength of all!) by simply waiting for God's "appointed time"!!

Our Pig, Pork Chop



Whatever you ask for, make sure you remember that "the vision is yet for the APPOINTED time; it hastens [it hurries] toward the goal and it will not fail. Though

it tarries [it may seem slow], WAIT for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay.'" Also, remember that God loves to bless us with DOUBLE—many times with even more—like I hope you read about in **Macy's Barn Cat**.

Just like Macy, at the "appointed time" God orchestrated everything!

It happened suddenly at the very first 4-H meeting! After speaking to the leader (who would teach Edward how to care for our pig), our mom saw the horsemanship leader and went over to speak to her. My mom knew that her girls wanted a horse (but of course, no one would ever think to ask their mom if their dad said, No).

Soon after walking up, my mom introduced herself and explained that our family just moved to our farm from the city and then said that her girls, meaning Tara and her sister, would like to learn more about horses.



Then the miracle happened!! Just at the **appointed time**, another mom excitedly interrupted saying, "A crazy woman just called saying she wants to *give someone in our club two horses!!*" Immediately my mom excitedly blurted

out, "Oh! Those horses are for us!" The leader looked at our mom, puzzled, "But didn't you just say your girls don't know how to take care of horses?" My mom laughed with a huge smile, "Yes, I did, but those horses are for us! My girls prayed to have a horse!" The leaders just looked at my mom thinking *she* was crazy. But no matter what anyone thought or said, we all knew that God promises to "finish what He started"!!

The horsemanship leader, Norma, was also in awe when the owner of the two horses offered to teach Tara and her sister and Edward how to care for the horses. The two horses were named Twiggy and Halo 😊.

Did you know that there is a lot of work taking care of horses? That's part of the reason God made sure they waited. You have to brush and feed them.

You have to know how to saddle them properly so you don't slide off. You need to know how to put the harnesses or bridles onto the horse in the correct way in order to lead a horse to where you want it to go. And you also need to know how to clean their hoofs, which is a dirty, smelly job.

After just one day of training at her farm, the owner brought Twiggy and Halo to our farm in her horse trailer. Guess what? God answered our mom's prayer too. She prayed for calm, safe horses because horses can be dangerous, which is another reason to wait for GOD to bring horses rather than beg for something that has the potential to harm you.

The two horses God gave us *first* were very old horses which meant that one of them, Twiggy, had a back that swayed and sagged —making it less likely

for us to slip off when riding! They also didn't really gallop, but mostly walked. Sometimes you could get them to trot by nudging them with your heels and making a clicking sound with your tongue.

Having horses was a dream come true just like God says! "God...is able to do far more than we would ever DARE to ask or even DREAM of—infininitely beyond our highest prayers, DESIRES, thoughts, or HOPES."



Each day after Tara and Macy and their youngest brother finished homeschool and did their house and farm chores, they would hurry outside

to ride their horses! And because they weren't strong enough to tighten the saddle straps, like Edward could, they just rode their very own horses bareback! Their younger brother would wear his Armor of God helmet and vest—pretending he was God's knight. While Tara and Macy would be His princesses!

Do you remember that their dad didn't want horses because he thought it was too expensive to feed them? That's because he forgot that God says HE will "supply all our needs according to HIS riches"! Do you think our Heavenly Father would bless children with horses (double what they asked God for) but fail to provide food to



feed the horses?! Of course not! God promises to **supply all our needs!** This is another reason to **wait** for the "**appointed time**" to see how God will do it! What a surprise when our Heavenly Father chose our other neighbor.



Feeding the horses was not a problem at first because, during most of the year, the horses grazed on acres of fresh green grass in the fields. But when it snows or it's so cold the ground gets hard, horses need bails of hay and a little grain.

God **supplied all our needs** suddenly! One Saturday morning our neighbor came over for one of the Thiele's famous Farm Breakfasts. He asked our dad if he could use our fields to graze his cattle. Did you know that cattle are cows raised for meat, not cows for milking?

Well, right away our dad said, "Of course!" Then GOD did it! Our neighbor replied, "Great, and in exchange, I'll have my men bring up some bails of hay for those new horses of yours"!

This is how our 30 acres of fields don't get overgrown—by animals grazing and eating the grass. So when the grass was cut and gathered to make bales of hay, our horse always had plenty to eat during the winter months!!

“Poverty Mentality”

If you forget, “My God shall supply all my needs according to HIS riches in glory” you can begin to adopt a “Poverty Mentality.” It’s easy to do—especially having a very big family and also farm animals to feed too. But our mom made sure to always remind us that it hurts our Heavenly Father’s heart when we think (and then speak) like we are orphans rather than a child of the King of Kings. And if we are a child of the King of Kings that makes us, YOU, and Tara, and her sisters, His Princesses!

Guess what? Remember how God blessed Macy and Tara and her sister with double what they asked for? Whenever we wait patiently for the appointed

time, He rewards us with not just double—He multiplies our blessings! Don't forget the end of **Macy's Barn Cat**! Because that's what happened, again!

Double Blessings!

While living on our farm God blessed our family by giving us two horses or **double, three** times! No one had ever heard of *anyone ever* getting free horses. But God wanted to prove it was Him answering our prayers! So He multiplied what we patiently asked for— three different times!!

"Hope" and "My Girl"



After we learned to ride better the owner of Halo and Twiggy told us she had grandchildren who wanted horses. So we let go and God blessed us with two more horses! The second time God performed the miracle of being given horses (without asking anyone but God... after we asked our dad just once)—two different families offered us a colt! A colt is a baby horse and what little girl doesn't love babies?!? One colt was already named "Hope"—God's way of reminding us of His promise that "things hoped for" are "things not seen."



The second colt we called "Yen-ta-me" *Jenta Mi* which means "my girl" in Norwegian.

Our family learned a lot by having horses. Before we moved to the farm we thought a baby horse was called a pony, but they're not. A pony is a small horse that never gets big.

Well, that's the end of this story that we HOPE you will read again and again and again so you can learn God's principles in order to build YOUR life on the Rock. We especially hope you begin to BELIEVE God's promises by "hiding them in your heart."

Watch God do what everyone thinks is impossible—by sharing your story, your testimony! That's the only way people will get to know and love God as

you do and also be able to "overcome wickedness" by the "word of *your* testimony."

Before we say "The End" we also want to share a short testimony of what God did after we got our horses—something amazing that's another part of **His Princesses** story. Our story about how Macy got to ride and even got to "show" a pony named Dynamite Joe (even though she was too young) and how Tara got to ride a pony cart in shows!!



Oh, and how we didn't just get to ride our *own* horses either because remember how *GOD* loves to multiply blessings when we wait patiently? The leader taught us to ride in horsemanship competitions and Norma even brought her trained horses for us to ride!!



Our brother, Edward, got his **heart's desire** too. At his first show, Edward heard music and turned to see a boy riding his horse into the arena carrying the Missouri state flag to start

the competition. Edward told my mom that he wanted to do that. So he hurried over and asked Norma if he could do it next time. Norma just laughed and said, "You have to ride for a few more years before you can open the competition and carry the flag."

But guess what? You're right!! By **waiting patiently**, at the **appointed time**, God did the **impossible**, and Edward was suddenly asked to carry the flag!!



Remember

If you **hope** for something **unseen**, ask God, your Heavenly Father. Then wait **patiently** for

the "appointed time" so God can bless you with **double** and **multiply** — supplying you with the very best testimony to share with your family and friends and classmates.

"God Answered My Prayers!!!!"

It's important to understand that sometimes GOD does say No—but that's only because GOD has something much more important waiting for you in your future. The best testimony story is about a little girl named Amy Carmichael who asked God for blue eyes. When she woke up she excitedly ran to her mom saying, "God answered my prayers!!!! God said, No!" Years later Amy grew to become a legionary missionary to India and God knew that her blue eyes would stop her from the plan He had for her life!

So be sure to grow up to be A Wise Woman. Just wait **patiently** for the **appointed time**. Be thankful for what you have— knowing the longer you wait— the greater the blessing that's coming! Then when you're thankful for what you have, at the appointed time, GOD may just say YES just as He did for my girl, Tara!

The End

