

A photograph of a white starfish on a sandy beach. The starfish is positioned in the upper right quadrant. The background is split: the left side is a light beige sand, and the right side is clear, shallow blue water with visible ripples and reflections of light. The overall scene is bright and summery.

# **SUMMER SAMPLERS**

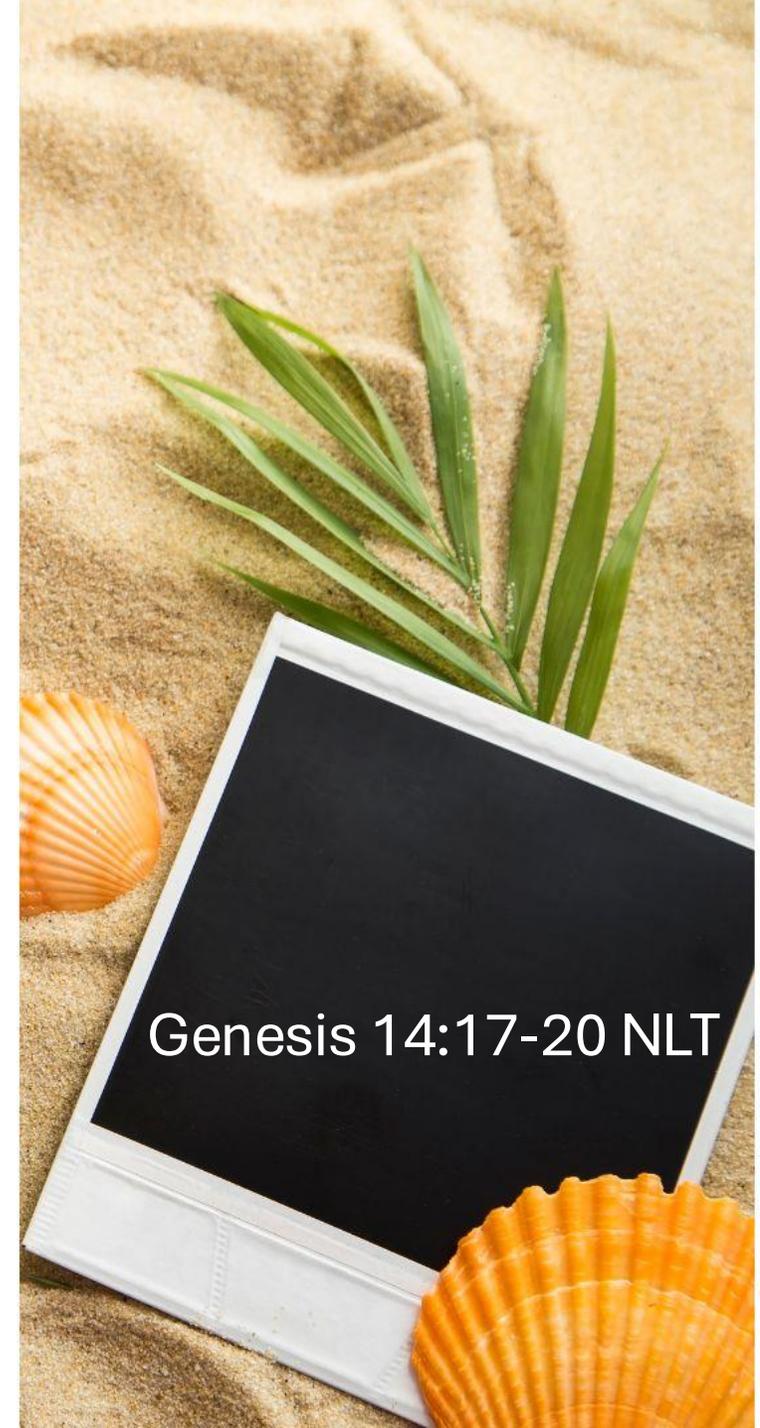
Passages that Challenge  
and Inspire

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“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

<sup>20</sup> And blessed be God Most High,  
who has defeated your enemies for you.”

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- Jesus brought bread and wine out to his disciples at the first communion. (Gen 14:18; Luke 22:19-20).

