



Sarah

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Waiting On The Promises of God

Genesis 15:1 After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."



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² But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?"



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³ And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."



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⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir."



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⁵ He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars--if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."



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⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.



Taking Matters Into Your Own Hands

Genesis 16:1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar;



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² ...so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said.



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³ So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian maidservant Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife.



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⁴ He slept with Hagar, and she conceived....



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... When she knew she was pregnant,
she began to despise her mistress.



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Psalms 106:12 Then they believed his words; they sang his praise. ¹³ But they soon forgot his works; they did not wait for his counsel.



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¹⁴ But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness, and put God to the test in the desert; ¹⁵ he gave them what they asked, but sent a wasting disease among them.



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Genesis 16:5 Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my servant in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the LORD judge between you and me."



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⁶ "Your servant is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.



God's Faithfulness In Spite Of Man's Rebellion

¹⁵ God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah.



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¹⁶ I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."



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¹⁷ Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?"



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¹⁸ And Abraham said to God, "If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!"



God Shows Up!

Genesis 18:1 The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.



God Shows Up!

² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.



God Shows Up!

³ He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by."



God Shows Up!

⁹ "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said.



God Shows Up!

¹⁰ Then the LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him.



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¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing.



God Shows Up!

¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?"



God Shows Up!

¹³ Then the LORD said to Abraham,
"Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I
really have a child, now that I am old?'"



God Shows Up!

¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son."



God Shows Up!

¹⁵ Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh." But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."



And Then There Were Three...

Genesis 21:1 Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised.



And Then There Were Three...

² Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him.



And Then There Were Three...

³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him.



And Then There Were Three...

⁴ When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.



And Then There Were Three...

⁶ Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me."



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⁷ And she added, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."



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