

BY FAITH EVEN SARAH....

And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. Hebrews 11:11 NIV

INTRODUCTION

- Her name means or P_____ or Q_____
- Sarah is mentioned more times in Scripture than any other woman, even Mary the mother of Jesus. -Bible.org

A B _____ FAITH

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. Genesis 12:1 NIV

He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. Genesis 12:5 NIV

5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, 6 like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. 1 Peter 3:5-6 NIV

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At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him. Genesis 12:6b-7 NIV

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I will make you into a great nation, Genesis 12:2a NIV

Now Sarai was childless because she was not able to conceive. Genesis 11:30 NIV

"Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?" Genesis 17:17b NIV

- If you want to sound smart, tell someone that Sarah is the only woman whose specific _____ is given in scripture.

A F _____ FAITH

I As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are. 12 When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me but will let you live. 13 Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you." Genesis 12:11-13 NIV.

For a while he stayed in Gerar, 2 and there Abraham said of his wife Sarah, "She is my sister." Then Abimelek king of Gerar sent for Sarah and took her. Genesis 20:1b-2 NIV

Twice, Abraham and Sarah traded integrity for security.

AN I _____ FAITH

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; 2 so she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said. Genesis 16:1-2 NIV

When she (Hagar) knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. 5 Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the Lord judge between you and me." Genesis 16:4b-5 NIV

8 The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. 9 But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, 10 and she said to Abraham, "Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac." Genesis 21:8-9 NIV

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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." 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?" Genesis 17:16-17 NIV

10 Then one of them 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. 11 Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?" Genesis 18:10-12 NIV

I wonder what kind of laugh Sarah gave: Giggle, chuckle, belly laugh.

21 Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised. 2 Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. Genesis 21:1-2 NIV

- "Isaac" means he l_____.

6 Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." 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." Genesis 21:6-7 NIV

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Sarah lived to be a hundred and twenty-seven years old. 2 She died at Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went to mourn for Sarah and to weep over her. Genesis 23:1 NIV

Hers is the f_____ g_____ to be mentioned in Scripture.

19 Afterward Abraham buried his wife Sarah in the cave in the field of Machpelah near Mamre (which is at Hebron) in the land of Canaan. 20 So the field and the cave in it were deeded to Abraham by the Hittites as a burial site. Genesis 23:19-20 NIV

For the f_____ t_____, Abraham owns property in the land God promised to him.

When you feel your faith is small, think of Sarah.

- Faith is following God's p_____ even when that is all you have.
- God always d_____ on His promises.
- God's timing is p_____.
- Following God is not easy, but it is always w_____ it.