

## Twelve Extraordinary Women

### Session 2

#### Sarah – A Woman of Flesh or Faith?

##### 1. Sarah's Old Life – Genesis 11:29-30

- Joshua 24:2 – Who did they serve? (*other gods*)
- v. 30 – What was Sarah's problem? (*she was barren*)

##### 2. God's Promise – Genesis 12:1-3

- v. 1 – What did God call Abraham to do? (*leave his home and family; go somewhere he'd never been*)
- v. 2 – What did He promise Abraham? (*to make of him a great nation*)
- What made this impossible? (*Sarah's barrenness*)

##### 3. Sarah's Fleshly Behavior – Genesis 12 and 16

- Gen 12:11-12 – What did Abraham fear? (*that the Egyptians would kill him to take his beautiful wife*)
- **Lying:** v. 13 – What did he tell Sarah to do? (*say she was his sister*)
- **Worldly methods:** Gen. 16:1-3 – What was Sarah's solution to their childlessness? (*Abraham could father a child by Hagar, their servant*)
- **Blaming others:** Gen. 16:4-5 – Who did she blame for their family strife? (*Abraham*)
- **Cruelty:** Gen. 16:6 – How did she treat Hagar? (*harshly*)

##### 4. Sarah's New Name – Genesis 17:15-19

- Sarai means "*my princess*"
- Sarah means "*princess*"
- v. 16 – What did God promise? (*Sarah will have a son, she will be the mother of nations and kings*)
- v. 19 – What did he say about Isaac? (*he's the covenant child*)

##### 5. Sarah's Doubt – Genesis 18

- v. 10 – What did He promise? (*Sarah will have a son*)
- v. 11-12 – How did Sarah react? (*she laughed*)

##### 6. Sarah's Desire Fulfilled – Genesis 21:1-8

- v. 1-2 – What happened? (*she had a son, right on time*)
- Isaac means "*laughter*"

##### 7. Sarah's Separation – Genesis 21:9-12

- v. 9 – What did she see? (*Ishmael mocking Isaac*)
- v. 10 – What did she do? (*cast out Hagar & Ishmael*)
- v. 10 – Why? (*so Ishmael wouldn't be heir*)
- v. 11 – How did Abraham feel about this? (*grieved*)
- v. 12 – What did God tell him? (*do as Sarah said*)

##### 8. Sarah's Example – Hebrews 11:11; 1 Peter 3:6

- Hebrews 11:11 – Sarah was a model of *faith*.
- 1 Peter 3:6 – Sarah was a model of *godly submission*.