



Sarah

Barren *to*
Full of Faith



Week Two



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Monday

Last week we looked at **God's faithfulness** to lead Abram and Sarai out of Ur of the Chaldeans, and all that it represented. This week we will be looking at the second phase of their journey. In this phase, Sarai will experience the **faithfulness of God to deliver**. Keep in mind, Sarai's journey from barren to full-of-faith was a process. This process was a journey of discovering the faithfulness of God. With each step she took, her convictions grew stronger, and with it her faith!

As we travel with Sarai, who would later become Sarah, we too want to grow stronger in our personal convictions of the faithfulness of God. Our aim for this study is not simply to accumulate facts but to grow stronger in our faith!

Let's begin this week's study by creating a brief character sketch of Sarai. Lookup each of the following passages then fill in the corresponding blanks.

Genesis 11:29 She was the wife of

Genesis 17:5 She became the wife of

Genesis 11:29 Her name was

Genesis 17:15 Her name was changed to

Joshua 24:2 She was an

Hebrews 11:16 She became a

Genesis 11:30 She was

Genesis 21:1-3 She became

Genesis 12:11 She is described as

1 Peter 3:5-6 She is described as





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As you reflect on Sarai, who through the faithfulness of God became Sarah, I want you to consider your own *before and after* story. In the boxes below take a moment to write down words that reflect who you were before Christ and who you are now becoming in Christ.

Before Christ

In Christ

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As we close out today I want to leave you with this inspiring promise:

And I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ [right up to the time of His return], developing [that good work] and perfecting and bringing it to full completion in you. Philippians 1:6 AMPC

Remember God isn't finished yet! Your story is still unfolding! In the space below write out a prayer of thankfulness to the Lord for His faithfulness to you and His promise to complete the good work He has begun.

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Wednesday

Read through the following passage which gives us an account of phase-two of Sarai's journey to discovering the faithfulness of God. As you read be sure to circle every *reference* to Sarai (including she, her, wife, woman).

Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land. And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "Indeed I know that you are a woman of beautiful countenance. Therefore it will happen, when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live. Please say you are my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake, and that I may live because of you."

So it was, when Abram came into Egypt, that the Egyptians saw the woman, that she was very beautiful. The princes of Pharaoh also saw her and commended her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken to Pharaoh's house. He treated Abram well for her sake. He had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

But the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. And Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? Why did you say, 'She is my sister'? I might have taken her as my wife. Now therefore, here is your wife; take her and go your way." So Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him; and they sent him away, with his wife and all that he had. Genesis 12:10-20

Now think it through by answering the following questions.

Whose idea was it to go down to Egypt?

God Abram Sarai Lot

Whose idea was it to be deceptive and tell a ½ truth? (see Genesis 20:12)

God Abram Sarai Lot

Who stepped in to deliver, defend and protect Sarai?

God Abram Sarai Lot





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Describe Abram's actions (as her husband) in your own words. Do you think he acted responsibly or irresponsibly?

In this incident who do you think Abram was relying upon for direction?

Do you think he displayed: Great Faith - Some Faith - No Faith

Why?

A vital truth for us to glean from this account is to know that even when there is no one who is willing to come to our aid or defense, even when others fail to uphold their responsibilities, even when there is no one standing by our side as an advocate, even when we are misrepresented – God will be faithful to us!

God is a faithful DELIVERER!

Now make a list below of everything you believe God protected Sarai from:





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Week Two
Thursday

The greatest act of deliverance was accomplished and secured on our behalf when Jesus “took away our sins.” Making it possible for us to enjoy the full privileges and benefits of a covenant relationship with God through Christ!

And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:
“**The Deliverer** will come out of Zion,
And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;
For this is My covenant with them,
When I take away their sins.”
Romans 11:26-27

The Greek word for "deliver" in the following passages is *rumoai*. It means: to rescue, save, deliver, preserve, or liberate. Look up the following passages then write what you learn about deliverance from each of them.

Psalms 7:24-25:

2 Timothy 4:17-18

Luke 1:74-75:

1 Thessalonians 1:10

Write a prayerful response





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Yesterday we looked at being “delivered from” but today we need to also look at when we are “delivered over to.” Read through the following passage- **circle the word delivered and underline the word life.**

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 2 Corinthians 4:7-11

According to this passage why are we sometimes “delivered over to death” and difficult situations?

“Treasure in earthen vessels” is a reference to the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. What can you be confident of when you are afflicted, perplexed, persecuted, or struck down?

If God chooses to not deliver us **out of** a calamitous situation we can know for certain that He will deliver us through it! Another way to say this is “greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world”. Meaning there isn’t any challenge that we will ever face that the supernatural, resurrection power of Christ, working on the inside of us, is not more than sufficient to give us an overcoming victory.

*Whenever we are delivered over it is so we can discover and learn to rely upon the indwelling strength of the **Deliverer!***





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Week One
Friday

Can you think of a time when you were in over your head? A time when you weren't sure how you would make it only to discover a strength on the inside of you that you previously did not know you had? Briefly describe your experience in the space below:

This can happen even before we know the Lord but once we are *in Christ* and Christ is *in us*, we are given access to a limitless power Source. His strength becomes our strength! So, the next time you are delivered over to something remember- it is so you can discover the all-sufficient indwelling strength of the Deliverer!

Included in this week's packet are Biblical declarations to assist you in renewing your mind and filling your mouth with this truth. Be sure to print them off and keep them handy. Now in the space below write out a prayerful response to the Lord for what you have studied this week and anything specific that has been especially meaningful.



This is the theme verse for our study of Sarah. I encourage you to print this out and commit it to memory.

By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

Hebrews 11:11



Faith building Biblical declarations. Print them off and make use of them in your prayer time or whenever needed.

But You, O Lord, are a shield for me,
My glory and the One who lifts up my head.

Psalms 3:3

The Lord your God in your midst,
The Mighty One, will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
He will quiet you with His love,
He will rejoice over you with singing.”

Zephaniah 3:17