

HEBREWS 11—BY FAITH

Week SEVEN: By Faith Sara _____! Heb 11:11-12

I. _____.

- ▼ God's Promise: Gen 12:2; Gen 13:15-16; 15:1-6 see also Deut 1:10

The problem – the failure of _____ to fulfill God's promises in our lives.

*How many times have you tried to force or avoid the promises of God in your life?
How many times has that worked out for you?*

- ▼ Sarah's solution: give her maid to Abraham. Gen 16:2
Your best, your plans, your manipulation can never bring the joy and satisfaction of simply _____ in the promises of God for your life.
All manipulation serves to do is make you bitter in life! (Sarai dealt hardly with Hagar!) **Heb 12:15**

KEY: Every time God's children go out and try to make life work out for themselves apart from faith in God, they make room for Satan to accomplish his agenda!

- **Gen 16:16**

- On top of everything else, *Sara's biological clock has run out.* **Gen 18:10-15**

II. _____.

- ▼ **The Lord's visitation _____ Sara's faith in God's promise.**
When the Lord rebuked Sarah – He got a hold of her heart!

Before:

1. Her unbelief was so great, she laughed at the promises of God because she could not see HOW it could ever happen.
2. She overstepped her bounds in unbelief, by having Abraham take Hagar to his bed. The result was bitterness.
3. Sara's very *old*!

- ▼ **Faith doesn't run by our clock – it isn't subject to our timing.**

The Facets of her Faith.

- Sara believed and she received strength. **1 Cor 10:13**

- **Faith makes life worth living – a life of faith is a great adventure.** **Gen 21:1-7**

- **What God has promises He will empower you to _____ if you will believe.**

1. *She received strength to conceive seed.* God can make the barren life fruitful!
2. *She was delivered of a child.* The child of the promise, Isaac.
3. Because of her faith – the nation of Israel became a reality, and the savior of the World, the Messiah became her GREATEST grandchild.

- ▼ Too many times, we live in fear. Example: Timothy wrestled with believing in the promises of God for his life. **2 Tim 1:6-8**

God is calling you to the impossible. **2 Cor 5:17-21; 2 Cor 4:17-18**