

**Text: Hebrews 11:11-12; Genesis 12-23**

**SARAH (The Earlier years)**

1. As a Wife to Abraham

- a) Supportive
- b) Long-suffering

2. Her part

- a) Journeying with Abraham
- b) Initial faith is safely assumed
- c) She complied with Abram and allowed herself to be captured in Egypt

3. As an individual

- a) Character is quite strong
- b) On her suggestion
  - i) Abram takes an extra wife
  - ii) So that can be a mother to the offspring
- c) Things did not quite turn out as hoped for/ planned
- d) She changed her mind and was quite cruel to Hagar

**Sarah (The latter years)**

1. Her faith was tested

2. She was now ready to have a child with Abraham

3. Her faith held (Hebrews 11:11)

- a) She received strength to conceive seed
- b) She bore a child when she was past her age
- c) She judged Him (God) faithful had promised

4. The focus was on her faith in the Lord

5. Both Abraham and Sarah shared a stronger faith at this stage of their life (Hebrews 11:12)

6. The blessing of faith extended to posterity

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE**

**Hebrews 11:11**

*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 promised.*