



Motherhood by Faith

By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. **HEBREWS 11:11**

I. By faith Sarai left what was known to venture into an _____ land.

And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered ...
Genesis 12:5

- A. Motherhood is an everyday faith builder.
- B. Motherhood grows our relationship with our faithful God.
- C. Motherhood teaches us to fight fear with faith.

*By Faith ... STEP INTO UNKNOWN, EVEN DIFFICULT, CIRCUMSTANCES
KNOWING THAT THE LORD _____ YOUR WAY.*

II. By faith Sarah found _____ from the Lord.

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." Genesis 17:15-16

- A. Motherhood changes us.
- B. Motherhood tempts us to seek approval and affirmation from the world.
- C. Motherhood challenges us to rest in God's favor every day.

By Faith ... LET THE LORD'S _____ OF YOU BE YOUR FOUNDATION.

III. By faith Sarah saw the Lord's _____ come to pass.

The Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised. And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. Genesis 21:1-2

- A. Motherhood revises your day planner.
- B. Motherhood takes you to your knees.
- C. Motherhood doesn't come equipped with a Supermom cape.

By Faith ... TRUST THE LORD TO DO WHAT _____ HE CAN DO.





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DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. What are your main takeaways from the unique format of this sermon?
2. Read Genesis 12, 17 and 21:1-7. In what ways did Sarah have to live by faith in God as her life story unfolded?
3. Sarah wasn't a perfect person or completely faithful to God's promises (Gen 16:1-6), yet God gave her the role of becoming the mother of His people. What does this say about the character of God? How does the way He worked in Sarah's life provide insight into the role your own mother played in your life?
4. In what ways does the world tempt mothers to seek approval and affirmation in temporal things?
5. How does God's estimation of us differ from the world's, and what do we gain if we focus on His instead? What are some ways we live that out in everyday life?



A Mother's Prayer

Fill in the blanks with child's name as you bring this prayer to the Lord.

Lord, I ask that _____ will have refuge and confidence in You alone, and will always go to you first, being so familiar with this refuge, and will find safety in You. (Prov 14:26)

Grant that _____ will dwell in safety and sleep in peace, with a knowledge of being held by You. (Ps 4:8)

Grant that no weapon of the enemy formed against _____ will stand. (Is 54:17)

Send your angels to guard and surround _____, delivering from dangers, hidden in the shadow of Your wings from the wicked of the world. Grant protection for spirit, body, mind and emotions, and from evil or harm, accidents, diseases, injuries, or physical, mental or emotional abuse. (Ps 34:7, 91:11, 17:8-9, 121:8)

Grant that the Holy Spirit would help _____ to discern truth from falsehood in every circumstance. (Eph 6:14; Jn 8:32)

Help _____ to abide by and walk in Your will every day for life. (1 Jn 3:24)

Show _____ how to be alert and self-controlled. (1 Thes 5:6)

Teach _____ the secret of being content in every situation. (Phil 4:12-13)

Help _____ to live a life overflowing with thankfulness to You. (Eph 5:20)

Give _____ a bold faith with strong convictions. (Acts 28:31)

Keep _____'s heart toward You and Your ways. (Prov 4:23, 7:25)

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

GROW WITH US. We want to help you continue walking with Jesus and growing in your faith. To learn about upcoming Bible studies, classes and discipleship opportunities, text "CCBCGrow" to 94090.

GUYS, BAND OF BROTHERS RETURNS THIS THURSDAY, MAY 13—JOIN THEM FOR JONAH! Much to his dismay, Jonah was tasked by God to deliver a message of redemption to the people of Nineveh. He strongly resisted God's call, preferring to die rather than risk seeing the ungodly repent and escape the wrath of God. This story, while difficult to believe, is not a fairy tale. Jonah was a historical figure and the events recorded in this book are a lesson on God's mercy and grace for us all. Study the story with our community of men and see God's grace for you in a new way. Learn more and sign up at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

SAVE THIS FRIDAY FOR YOUR NEXT DATE NIGHT! CCBC Date Nights are one way that we like to help Christ Chapel couples strengthen their marriage through intentional time, conversation and prayer together. The new May date night experience, which is all about helpfulness, will be live on our website this Wednesday. Check it out at www.ccbcfamily.org/events and use all the resources (a new playlist and recipe, games, conversation starters and prayer prompts) to plan your next date!

LADIES, START YOUR SUMMER WITH WOMEN IN THE WORD ON THURSDAY, MAY 27. What better way to begin a new season than with friends and God's amazing grace? Join us on Thursday evenings and hear the stories of leaders God raised up in the book of Judges. Through these everyday people, He showed His power, faithfulness, mercy and grace, and we have a lot to learn from them. In the summer, Women in the Word is laidback and easy to jump into, so invite a friend to join you and sign up for "Amazing Grace" at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

PARTNER WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ON SUNDAYS. We have loved welcoming back families to Children's Ministry on Sundays, and we're not done yet! Will you help us open more classrooms by signing up to serve? You'll be a part of kiddos learning about the God who loves them. Email the Children's Ministry team at children@christchapelbc.org to get started.

PLANNING SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR KIDS? Summer at Christ Chapel is roaring, rowdy, friend-filled good times. Whether your child is in elementary, middle or high school, they'll love what we have planned. Head to www.ccbcfamily.org/summer to learn more now.

NEW TO CHRIST CHAPEL OR READY TO START CONNECTING? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week with next steps and more information.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—just text "CCBCFW" to 77977 to get started.

