



LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES

Wednesday 6 AUGUST 2014

TITLE: SARAH'S FAITH PROFILE

TEXT: Hebrews 11:11-12

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 had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude – innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore. Hebrews 11: 11-12

INTRODUCTION

This week we study faith through the lens of Sarah's life. There are invaluable lessons to learn from this great matriarch. Compare also Mark 4:3-20 and Genesis 16.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & REFLECTION

1. According to Romans 15:4, what do we gain from studying biblical characters?
2. According to Hebrews 11:11, how did having faith benefit Sarah?
3. Why did she need to receive strength in order to conceive seed?
4. According to Mark 4:14, what seed should our hearts conceive?
5. In light of the Parable of the Soils (Mark 4:3-20), is receptivity automatic? What hinders spiritual conception?
6. In view of Sarah's example, how can the receptivity of our "spiritual wombs" (hearts) be renovated?
7. How important is our judgment (understanding) of God's faithfulness? (See Heb. 11:11b)
8. How did Sarah's breakthrough benefit Abraham's destiny? (Heb. 11:12)
9. Why wasn't Sarah's "plan B" (Hagar) acceptable before God? (See Genesis 16; 17:17-22)
10. Are you also sometimes tempted to settle for the "permissive" will rather than the "perfect" will of God? What should you do?