



Sarah's story is found in Genesis chapters 11-21. As you read Sarah's story, remember that she was not merely a biblical character, but rather a real historical person with real feminine emotions just like yours and mine. Put yourself in her shoes. I believe that we all can identify with some part of her story. The blessing will come as you look closely for God at work behind the scenes.

1. Read Genesis 11:27-32. When we first meet Sarah in the Bible her name is Sarai. Later God changes her name to Sarah. Write down everything you learn about Sarai from this passage.
2. Read Genesis 12:1-9. God gave a wonderful promise to Abram. In what way would the promise involve Sarai? Compare this to what you learned about her in the previous passage.
3. Read Genesis 12:10-20. Write down everything you learn about Sarai from this passage.
4. In Genesis 12:10-20, who protected Sarai? How? Why? How do you respond to this?
5. Read Genesis 15:1-6 and 16:1-6. (Note: We study Hagar next.) What do you think is going on in Sarai's heart and mind?





6. Read Genesis 17:1-21. In this passage God visits Abraham and reveals more of Himself and His covenant promises. This is when God changes their names forever. (This is too much for this study, but contemplate the role someone has in naming another, what is implied?) What wonderful promise does Abraham receive about Sarah?

7. Read Genesis 18:1-15. Comment on this event in Sarah's life.

8. Read Genesis 20-21:14. What in this passage is interesting to you? What, if anything is disturbing to you?

9. In 1 Peter 3:5-6, God chose Sarah as an example for all women to follow. Although Sarah made some mistakes, (we all do) she still must have lived by faith and hope without fear. Can you name a few ways that this might be seen in the passages we just read?

10. How does this help you with any difficult or stressful situation you or someone you know might be experiencing?





11. It seems that Sarah had an intense focus that distracted her from who she really was as a woman who belonged to God. If you agree, what was the distraction?

How did the distraction affect her?

How did the distraction affect her family and others?

How did the distraction affect her relationship with God?

12. What did you learn about God from this study of Sarah's life?

13. What personal applications can you make to your own life from your study of Sarah?

If you think that Sarah was born privileged, on the right side of the tracks, and drop dead beautiful, you are right. But don't think this had anything to do with how God used and designed her for His purposes. In the next study we look at a Woman of the Bible who had nothing, but was used, designed for and visited personally by God. We will study Hagar, Sarah's servant.

In the meantime, commit this verse to memory:

For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

