

## MOTHERS' DAY 2009 – SARAH, THE MOTHER OF MANY NATIONS

Genesis 17:15 – 22; Genesis 18:9-15; 21:1-7

I. Sarah was a woman of \_\_\_\_\_.

*Hebrews 11:11 (King James Version) Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.*

Sarah had faith in God to keep His promise - Gen. 17:15-21; Gen. 18:10-15  
*Gen. 18:13 - "Why did Sara laugh?"* Sara was \_\_\_\_\_; Abraham was \_\_\_\_\_ when this conversation happened! What they are getting ready to learn is that God often puts our assumptions to the test!

1. God doesn't work within our \_\_\_\_\_ frame - The original promise about an heir (Genesis 12) was when Abraham was 75 - 24 years ago when ch. 18 happens!

2. God's work is not tied to our own \_\_\_\_\_  
*Gen. 18:12 - "I am worn out and my master is old"*

3. God can work through people who \_\_\_\_\_!  
*Gen. 21:1 - 7 - God is gracious to Sara. The name Isaac means - LAUGHTER!!!!*

## II. SARAH TEACHES US ABOUT WAITING

\_\_\_\_\_ years from promise to the birth of Isaac. That's a long time to wait!

A. Waiting is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Waiting requires patience with \_\_\_\_\_.  
*II Peter 3:8 – a day is as 1,000 years with God*

C. Waiting requires trusting God when we don't \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Gen. 16:2 – "The Lord has kept me from having children"*

*Isa. 55:8,9: "For My thoughts are not your thoughts neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."*

