

Sarai to Sarah Mother's Day Message

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Video: *"From Lips of Mothers"*

Women are called to be lovers of God; One with their husbands.

Being a mother is the third most challenging and rewarding calls on a woman's life-to give birth, parent both natural and spiritual children.

The word of God tells us as believers are: sons and daughters of the father and mother of faith, Abraham and Sarah.

It is through them that we received Gods covenant promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

Sarah's life is a picture of God's faithfulness and power to transform an ordinary and broken life into a model for all women to follow; mothers and mothers to be.

Sarai - as she was first called had a tough life.

1. After she married-Abram. Her husband followed his father out of UR of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan (promise land).

- She had to leave everything she knew- family, friends, customs, comfort.
⇒ Insecurity
- Dragged around by Father-in-law.
- Issues?
- When is my husband going to grow up and be his own man?
⇒ Didn't he even read *Genesis 2:24*- "For this reason a man shall leave..."
⇒ And he brings lot- lots of trouble – enough of my husbands family!
- Worse - they never get to Canaan.
- Promise, promises!

Application:
What about you?

They wind up in Haran > going from Suburbia to Harlem
An occult center- darkness/sickness/ fear.

You? - Can you relate to Sarai

- ⇒ "I didn't bargain for this!"
- ⇒ "What did you get me into?!"
- ⇒ "Promises, promises! I want to go home!"

So Abram's father dies! Yea let's go home!

But no - Abram gets this word from God- Sarai doesn't get it and off they go. Your husband ever get inspired? > And off he goes without you!

And Abram goes down into Egypt.

Egypt is a picture of the world here's where Abram's going to make it- get rich.

Get security and provision.

How many women have seen their husbands wind up in Egypt to find security and provision- lured away?

In the story Abram turns his wife over to Pharaoh to save his skin so he could prosper.

How many woman have felt betrayed and abandoned by their fathers or husbands who just left them, gave them up to go into the world to be successful/wealthy.

Marriage and family was number two after “the job”.

Wives and Mothers - sacrificed to the system feel betrayed/abandoned/used/degraded.

Well if it all that wasn't bad enough Sarai was barren -couldn't have children.

- Childlessness in those days was a disgrace.
- To make it worse God made Abram a promise that he would multiply.

How did Sarai feel? Worthless, ashamed, and guilty. - She was the problem. Disqualified from Gods blessings.

Doesn't God love me?!?! Lost faith, lost hope, and lost joy.

I would imagine the intimacy wanted between Abram and Sarai.

◀ He's gone most of the time, she can't conceive, failure as a woman, rejected self hatred, loneliness, fear, hopelessness, and ugly.

Flood her soul now she's got issues with fathers, husbands, herself, and God.

How many women, children or no children feel like a failure as a woman/wife/mother?

Lost their intimacy with God and their husbands and feel Self hatred/loneliness/fear/hopelessness/ugly/unfulfilled/worthless.

But God has a plan to save, heal, and make brand new.

- *Genesis 17:15*

God changed her name from Sarai to Sarah.

Names are a confession of who you are.

Who was she as Sarai (called herself) - worthless, abandoned, ashamed, lonely, failure, fearful, betrayed, ugly, and barren

But now God adds “AH” - it's His breath.

He breaths into her and makes her new.

The AH of Jehovah the self existing One.

The creator of all things breathes His ability into her/His image/His destiny.

Breathes life into her and changes her identity.

Sarah means Princess.

Her identity is changed; she is the daughter of a king.

Ladies, you were breathed into when you were born again by the breath of God the Holy Spirit and He gave you new name.

Sarai was
an estranged
wife

You are by faith a daughter of Sarah and the daughter of a princess is a princess - you are a princess

Then He made her a promise.

- *Genesis 17:16*
- I will bless her
- Bear a son.
- The barrenness is broken you are blessed with all spiritual blessings.
- Your father and husband is THE KING.
- You are royalty
- You are a princess with a promise.

Now God moves to bring his princess into his promise.

The lord appears to Abram.

- *Genesis 18:9-12*

The problem here: she doesn't believe it.

Her laugh was actually mocking what God said.

And then she lies to cover her unbelief and fear.

- *Genesis 18:13,15*

When we're so wounded for so long we can't trust anyone to tell us anything that contradicts who we think we are.

- You? Princess? - Did you just laugh, shrug your shoulders, and make little of it.
- Do you believe it? Really believe it?

God prophesies into her new spirit.

- *Genesis 18:14*

His word goes forth.

"Is anything too difficult for the Lord?" - Like an arrow it hits the center of her being.

Then He says:

At the appointed time there is an appointment for you!

The promise is for an appointment time but look at the plan.

Appt.
with your
destiny! <

This time next year, a year is twelve months; a birth comes at the end of nine months.
There is a three month period of transition - from fear to faith.

What happened in that three months Sarah.

- *Hebrews 11:11*

In that three months faith in God rose up.

She must have repented all of her anger, unbelief, unforgiveness.

She received the word of God
She believed the word of God – “No Lord there is nothing too difficult for you”
She received strength of Jehovah
She received the breath of God – the Holy Spirit
She received her new name Princess
She renounced barrenness
She received His divine ability to conceive.
She changed her confession of God and called Him “faithful who has promised”

God changed her identity with His spirit, spoke His word into her, impregnated her with faith and birthed His promise.

Hebrew 11:11 is God’s opinion of Sarah.
God rewrote her history and He is rewriting yours.
You are a princess with promise.

- You have an appointed destiny
- He has breathed His Spirit into you and changed your identity

He has spoken His word and promises to you
Receive it, believe it
Become pregnant with promise.
For your appointed time of birth is upon you.

What was Sarah’s end?

- *Genesis 21:6*
- He will change your mourning into laughter

She became a mother of multitudes
You are her daughter
You are a mother of multitudes