

Believing God

**Patience of
Faith: Sarah**
Message 6

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(Hebrews 11:11-12)

► Outline

Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise.
Hebrews 10:23 (NLT)

A. Introduction

B. My faith development is...

1. Initiated by _____.
(Hebrews 11:11. C/R: Genesis 12:1; 15:4; 17:15-16)

2. Possible despite _____.
(Genesis 18:9-15)

4. A consequence of trusting God's _____.
(Hebrews 11:11-12. C/R: Genesis 21:1-7;
Galatians 4:22-26)

Answers: 1. God 2. unbelief 3. experience 4. promises

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to study the Bible and pursue a deeper relationship with God.

Begin with Prayer

Pause a moment to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to help you experience His love and hear His voice as you reflect on this week's lesson.

Conversation Starter

What's one incident in your life you would never change? Why?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Questions for this week's study come from the story of Abraham and Sarah, found in [Genesis 12-21](#) and [Hebrews 11:8-12](#). The discussion questions that follow have specific Bible passages listed for your reference, but it would be good for you to read those entire passages to help you see the big picture.

1. God promised Abram and Sarai they would have a child together who would fulfill God's original promise to Abram (See [Genesis 15:1-6](#); [17:15-19](#)). What was Sarai's solution to her inability to conceive a child ([Genesis 16:1-16](#))? What were the consequences for Sarai's unbelief?
2. How does your faith (or lack of faith) impact the people around you?
3. God changed Sarai's name to Sarah because her role in history was getting ready to change in a big way ([Genesis 17:15-16](#)). Have you ever felt excited about God's purpose for your life? Have you ever felt lost? Describe what those times were like for you.
4. Have you ever felt like God was disinterested in you – like He had forgotten you? Describe a time you felt God's silence.
5. How do you interpret God's silence?
6. How old were Abraham and Sarah when Isaac was born ([Genesis 17:17](#))? Why would God wait so long to fulfill His promise?

7. Describe a time you took matters into your own hands rather than trusting and waiting on God. What were the results?
8. In what areas of your life have you learned greater trust in God?
9. Which of these statements best describe you? 1. I have a deep, settled faith in God; 2. My faith waivers a lot; or 3. I don't really care about faith, it doesn't seem to be relevant to my everyday life. Does Sarah's story increase your faith? Why or why not?
10. What important truths from Sarah's story do you never want to forget? Write those out here.

Soul Training

Finish this sentence in several ways, then make this your prayer: *God, I believe You are good and that You keep Your promises. I trust You with...*

Throughout the week, name specific situations and relationships in your life, and practice releasing these things into God's hands. May God use this time to help you grow in faith.

Memory Verse

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[Hebrews 10:23 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [2 Peter 3:8-13](#)

Day 4: [2 Timothy 2:1-13](#)

Day 2: [Romans 4:18-25](#)

Day 5: [Psalm 18:30-36](#)

Day 3: [Psalm 65:5-13](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, August 2, we'll continue the series *Believing God*, by taking a closer look at the lives of **Isaac, Jacob and Joseph**. To prepare, read [Genesis 28:1-4](#) and [Hebrews 11:20-22](#).



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