

Life and Death of a Princess

Word

Scripture Reference

Hebrews 11:11-12

Discussion Questions

1. Who among the people you know is worthy of being considered a role model? Why? Share with the group.
2. Read Hebrews 11:11-12. Sarah, which means “princess,” is a woman of royalty whose life and longevity serves as an example and inspiration to all. If Abraham is the father of faith of all believers, Sarah is the mother. There are three important lessons we can learn from this woman of God. First, you can consider her as an example of the lessons given in 1 Peter. Read 1 Peter 3:5-6. According to Peter, how can a godly woman be beautiful (v.5)? What example did Peter lay out for wives to follow? Sarah was described as beautiful even in her old age in Genesis 12:11, but what stood out about her that is a good example for every Christian? Relate the instances in her life that showed her devotion and submission to her husband. Discuss how a person, male or female, can cultivate inner beauty.
3. Second, you can imitate the faith of Sarah. Sarah’s faith was evident in her willingness to follow Abraham, although her calling was not as direct as Abraham’s but rather, secondhand. And as you look closely at her, it seems that her faith was a bit shaky at best. What was her personal problem according to Genesis 11:30? How did she “help God” to solve her problem instead of fully trusting Him to fulfill His promise in His time? What was the result of her action?
4. Sarah’s faith is a faith that looks for ways to hasten God along. It is a faith weighed down by disbelief. So why are we to imitate her faith if it was not perfect? What does persistence in believing say about one’s faith? Share with the group a time when you kept on believing even though it was not easy.

5. Sarah’s faith reminds us that it is not the strength of her faith that is vital, but the God that she believes in, a God who keeps His promises. How does Hebrews 11:11-12 describe Sarah’s (and Abraham’s) faith? Share with the group how you have kept your faith in God’s promises in spite of how bleak things look to you.
6. Finally, you can follow the hope of Sarah. Genesis 23 relates the death of Sarah and Abraham’s sorrow and his determination to bury her properly. How long did Sarah live? How did Abraham deal with the need of a plot of land to bury Sarah? How does this purchase illustrate Abraham and Sarah’s faith that God will keep His promises? What is this land that became Abraham’s known for?

Walk

Abraham and Sarah did not receive what they had been promised. But they lived and died in the light of those promises. Who else were buried there, in faith that it would be the land of their descendants? Did Sarah see the promised Messiah? How did she live her life in spite of the fact that she didn’t see the fulfillment of all the promises of God to her and Abraham? What are the promises of God that you believe and claim even if you don’t see them yet?

Worship & Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for using the life of Sarah to teach me lessons that I can also cultivate as I continue to live out my walk with You. I am reminded that my inner person matters to You more than what is seen externally by others. I confess Lord that I too, also at times seek to do things my way because of my little faith. But I pray Lord that You would help me to keep a persistent faith in You, knowing that You are a faithful God worthy of my trust. Even at times when circumstances around me may seem uncertain or doubtful, I will still hold on to the firm hope that is found in You and Your promises. May the life of faith that I live be found pleasing unto You and also be an example to those who seek to follow You. In Christ name I pray, Amen.