

Message Notes

It's Not Too Late

- Your future can be <u>GREATER</u> than your past
- God has always made a way for us to escape our past and deliver us into a greater and much better future
 - You <u>CAN'T</u>, and God <u>WON'T</u> change your past
 - You <u>CAN</u>, and God <u>WILL</u> change your future

Background

- Abram (Abraham) was married to Sarai (Sarah)
- God made a covenant with Abraham
 - Land (Promised Land / Canaan)
 - People (Nation / Descendants)
- Doubt leads to consequences
 - Famine = move to Egypt (Gen. 12)
 - i. Lies = Sarah given to Pharaoh (vv13-16)
 - Barren = gave Hagar to Abraham (Gen. 16)
 - i. Contempt = Sarah blamed Abraham (v5)
 - ii. Contempt = Sarah ran off Hagar (v6)
 - Unbelief = Sarah laughs at God (Gen. 18)
 - i. Lies = Sarah lies to God (v15)
 - Fear = Abraham lies about Sarah again (Gen. 20)
 - i. Lies = Sarah given to the King

Lessons Learned from Sarah

- When you're tested, <u>REMAIN</u> where God has you until He tells you to move
 - Doubt takes you on a spiraling rollercoaster and one thing leads to another, sin leads to more sin
- When you don't WAIT on God, your flesh gets the best of you
- God <u>SEES</u> us even when we don't think He's watching
- Doubt doesn't change the fact God is <u>FAITHFUL</u>
 Genesis 21:1 (God kept His word and did what He promised)
- Apart from God, your life is **BARREN**
 - Symptoms: you lose hope, you lose faith, you lose joy
 John 10:10 (ESV): The thief comes *only* to steal / kill / destroy.
 I (Jesus) came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
- Before being blessed, there's often a period of emptiness
 - Don't come up with an earthly solution instead of waiting on a supernatural promise
 - Sarah waited 25 years on the promise to be fulfilled
- In a hopeless situation, Sarah **BELIEVED**

Your Choice

• It ain't over yet! Your future can be greater than your past!

