



—Mother's Day—

## **Genesis 23:1-20; Hebrews 11:8-16 (cf. 1 Peter 1:6)**

### ***“The Full Price”***

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#### **Consult the Scriptures:**

**Genesis 23:1-20**

**Hebrews 11:8-16**

**1 Peter 3:6**

*(See also: Eccl. 7:1-3; Gen. 12:7; 13:15, 17; 15:18; 17:8; 25:7-10; 49:28-33;  
2 Sam. 2:3-4; Php. 3:20-21)*

#### **Consult the Scholars:**

**Chip Dodd—**

*“If you wish to experience life to the fullest, your heart requires that you be willing to feel sadness. Sadness is the feeling that speaks to how much you value what is missed, what is gone, and what is lost... Sadness gives us the gift of valuing and honoring life.”*  
*(Chip Dodd, The Voice of the Heart [Sage Hill Resources, 2001], p. 59)*

#### **Discuss:**

1. Read the Dodd quote (above) and discuss. Do you agree or disagree? Why did Pastor Patrick cite this on *Mother's Day*? Why the subject of sadness on such a holiday?

2. If you are comfortable, what is *Mother's Day* like for you personally? Is it a day of celebration or is it hard? Why?
3. Read Genesis 23:1-20 and discuss. Pastor Patrick said the story of Sarah helps on a holiday where experiences vary so vastly. In what ways might Sarah's story help?
4. In what ways might Genesis 23 speak to the value of human life? How is the value of human life supported by the text?
5. In what ways did Abraham honor Sarah's life and legacy?
6. Looking back over the covenant between God and Abraham, why is this particular story so important?
7. Read Hebrews 11:8-16 and discuss. What stands out to you in relation to the story in Genesis 23?
8. What immediate applications can be made in light of this text?
9. What question do you still have?