

DAY 7 — Sarah: All In After Disappointment and Delay

Aim of Today's Study

To learn from Sarah how courage over clarity often means choosing to trust God *again*—placing confidence in His character and promises after seasons of disappointment, doubt, and waiting.

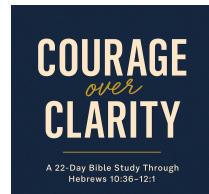
Anchor Passage

Hebrews 11:11–12

By faith, Sarah received power to conceive because she considered God faithful who had promised—trusting Him beyond her limitations, emotions, and circumstances.

Study Passages

- **Genesis 17–18** — God's promise and Sarah's honest laughter
- **Genesis 21** — Fulfillment, joy, and laughter redeemed
- **Luke 1:37** — Nothing is impossible with God
- **Isaiah 55:8–11** — God's Word accomplishes His purpose
- **Luke 18:1–8** — The persistent widow: faith that refuses to give up



Summary for the Day

Sarah's story reminds us that faith is not the absence of struggle—it is the courage to return to trust after disappointment. Her journey included waiting, doubt, and attempts to control the outcome, yet Hebrews 11 highlights her defining choice: she considered God faithful.

Like the persistent widow in Luke 18, Sarah kept coming back—not because she had clarity, but because she refused to let delay have the final word. Her faith matured through perseverance, not perfect understanding. What began as laughter of disbelief became laughter of joy, reminding us that God's promises are not limited by time, weakness, or past failure. Courage over clarity often looks like believing again—and trusting that God remains faithful, even while faith is being rebuilt.

Reflection Questions

1. Where has disappointment or prolonged waiting made it hardest for you to trust God's faithfulness?
2. What promise of God feels delayed, uncertain, or unresolved in your life right now—and how have you responded to that delay?
3. Sarah chose to believe again after doubting and living for a period in her own sin and failures. How does her decision to keep trusting challenge the way you handle unanswered prayers or seasons when your faith feels fragile?
4. In Luke 18, the persistent widow keeps coming back to the judge, refusing to give up. What does her persistence reveal about the kind of faith God desires, and how might that shape the way you pray and trust God today?
5. What step of courageous trust is God inviting you to take now—choosing faith over clarity, even if the outcome remains unseen?