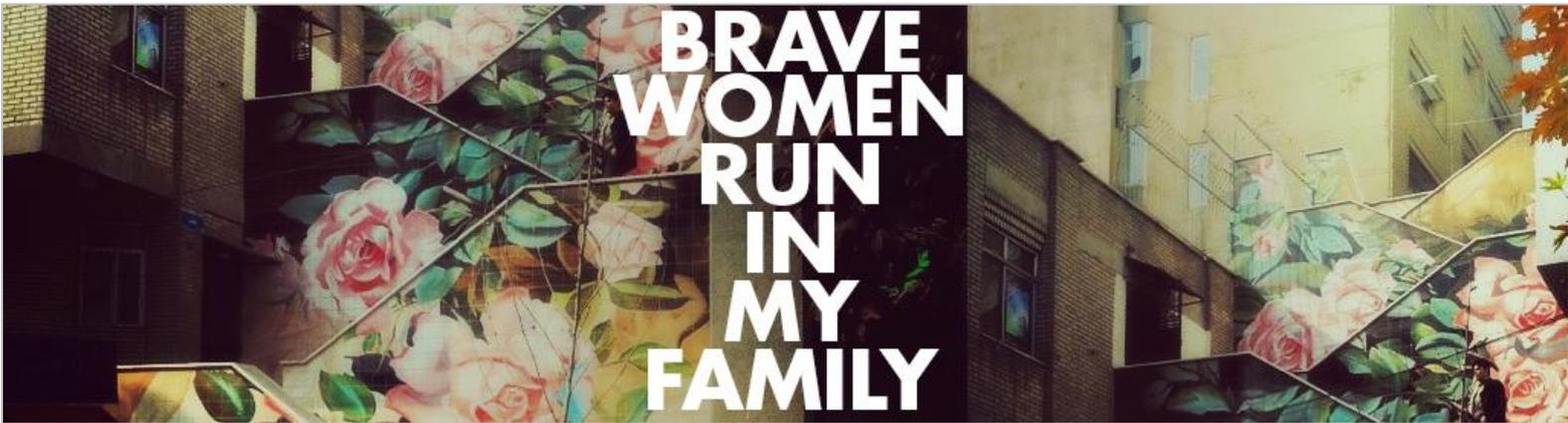


# SISTERHOOD CONNECT GROUP STUDY



**BRAVE  
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FAMILY**

Connect Study 7

## **SARAH – RECIPIENT OF A PROMISE**

**SARAH:** *A barren woman who received God's promise*

"Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him."  
(Genesis 21:1)

Sarah's story is found in Genesis 11-23 and tells us of a beautiful woman who, with her husband Abraham, was given an amazing covenant promise. However the road to receiving that promise was long and difficult with times of doubt and testing for both of them. As we read these chapters we can learn some great lessons about faith.

Take some time to consider the following questions:

- **Read Genesis 12:1-3.**  
What was the promise to Abraham and Sarah?  
What promises over your life have yet to be fulfilled?
- **Read Genesis 11:30, 15:1-6, 17:15-21, 18:9-15.**  
Discuss the journey that Sarah must have gone on.  
What have you found the hardest thing in your own journey of faith?
- **Read Romans 4:18-22 and Hebrews 11:11.**  
What do you learn from these New Testament passages that refer to Abraham and Sarah?  
What facts do you need to face?

**Note:** Alternate reading of Hebrews 11:11- '*And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise*' (TNIV) Notice that Sarah's faith is highlighted here.

**Commentary extract:** '*In spite of the fact that Sarah laughed when first hearing that she was to have a child, her mockery must have turned to faith long before Isaac was born...She too had to come to the same conviction as her husband that the God who had promised would honour his word...In all spiritual encounters it is easier to doubt than to believe, and Sarah must be commended for her willingness to change her approach and to make way for the development of her faith. The conviction that God is faithful is one of the cardinal aspects of biblical doctrine...It is the foundation stone of the faith of God's people.'*



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(Donald Guthrie: Tyndale New Testament Commentaries: Hebrews IVP UK 1983 p.232)

- How does the conviction that God is faithful affect the way you respond to your situation?

**Study tip:** When studying a person it is good to find all the biblical references to them. You can do this most easily by looking in a concordance. However make sure that you have the right person as many people shared the same name in the Bible. If you do not have a concordance then [www.biblegateway.com/](http://www.biblegateway.com/) is a useful resource.

## PRAY

- Pray for each other that you will learn from Sarah's example.
- Each other's prayer requests (fill out the Prayer Request slip in the Devotional)
- Heart for the House Offering and our own miracles as we prepare
- Hillsong Conference
- "No Other Name" album release

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## NATION BUILDERS

- *One of the best ways we can make a difference as a connect is to regularly PRAY for the Nation Builders causes we support, and regularly inspire your group to receive your Nation Builders offering.*
- *Your giving makes a massive difference in helping us 'reach and influencing the world'.*
- *Hillsong Church, Kiev & Moscow*
- *Please take the time in your group to pray for our church in Kiev and Moscow at this time of global uncertainty. Let's pray for peace in this region and for wisdom for the governments involved. Please pray for our Pastors and our people in both Moscow and Kiev, that they will continue to focus on Jesus and that the church will go from strength to strength in these challenging times.*

## HIGHLIGHTS COMING UP

- Heart for the House Miracle Offering – 3 Weeks Away
- Hillsong Conference – 4 Weeks Away

## PASTORAL CARE

- We have a pastoral care team at church to walk alongside people in your group who may be going through a tough time.
- Please contact the church office Sydney 02 8853 5353, Melbourne 03 9720 2099, Brisbane 07 3422 8500 or Newcastle 02 4927 1888 to let us know of anybody in your group (with their permission) who have sickness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, surgeries.

