



Sermon Notes

Mother's Day
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The impact of a mother's nurturing is undeniable.

A mother's heart often suffers without the nurturing attachment to her children.

Genesis 11:30

³⁰ Now Sarai was childless because she was not able to conceive.

Barren: Incapable of producing offspring; unproductive, unfruitful

Exodus 23:26

²⁶ and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span.

Deuteronomy 7:14

¹⁴ You will be blessed more than any other people; none of your men or women will be childless, nor will any of your livestock be without young.

God often brings us to a crisis of truth, where His promise conflicts with our reality.

God does not forget His promise.

Numbers 23:19

¹⁹ God is not human, that he should lie,
not a human being, that he should change his mind.

Does he speak and then not act?

Does he promise and not fulfill?

Genesis 17:4-6

⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵ No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham (which means father of many), for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.



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Genesis 17:15-16

¹⁵ God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. ¹⁶ I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

There is a reason for the wait.

God doesn't work to our plan or to our schedule.

Isaiah 40:27-31

²⁷ Why do you complain, Jacob?

Why do you say, Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD;

my cause is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸ Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,

and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary

and increases the power of the weak.

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary,

and young men stumble and fall;

³¹ but those who hope in the LORD

will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;

they will run and not grow weary,

they will walk and not be faint.

Waiting exposes weakness in our faith.

Genesis 18:10-15

¹⁰ Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."



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Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

¹³ Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

¹⁵ Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh." But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."

Waiting exposes our doubts about God.

Isaiah 49:14-16

¹⁴ But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me."

¹⁵ "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!

¹⁶ See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.

God's purpose will prevail.

Proverbs 19:21

²¹ Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails

When God plans a miracle for us, He doesn't need to do a feasibility study first!

Hebrews 11:11

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.

God responds to faith – even in the midst of failure.

God promises refreshment as we wait.



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Psalm 84:5-7

⁵ *Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.*
⁶ *As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools*
⁷ *They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.*

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