

Faith Secrets from the HALL OF FAITH

A Study from the 11th Chapter of the book of Hebrews

- Who had FAITH
- How their FAITH was acted out in their Lives = the corresponding actions that demonstrated the faith in their hearts
- What their FAITH Produced = the results or fruit of their FAITH
- What are the Secrets of their FAITH lives

Sarah – Hebrews 11:11

By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised. (NASB)

- “ability” - from the Greek word “dunamis” – meaning miraculous power
- “conceive” - from the Greek word katabolē – meaning a laying down – also translated foundation
- “even beyond the proper time of life” – showed the impossible circumstances that stood against her
- “considered” – meaning to count, to esteem, to regard, to judge
- “faithful” – meaning, reliable or trustworthy
- “promised” – to proclaim or to promise – for faith to operate there must be a “promise” that your faith is based upon

Because of faith also Sarah herself received physical power to conceive a child, even when she was long past the age for it, because she considered [God] Who had given her the promise to be reliable and trustworthy and true to His word. (Amplified Classic)

It was by faith that even Sarah gained the physical vitality to become a mother despite her great age, and she gave birth to a child when far beyond the normal years of child-bearing. She could do this because she believed that the one who had given the promise was utterly trustworthy. (Phillips)

Sarah’s faith embraced the miracle power to conceive even though she was barren and was past the age of childbearing, for the authority of her faith rested in the One who made the promise, and she tapped into his faithfulness. (The Passion Translation)

Sarah's Faith Secret – Hebrews 11:11b

A STEADFAST HEART

– firm; immovable, determined, maintain position, certain

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor. 15:58

I. THE STEADFAST HEART CAN SING AND PRAISE GOD WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE GOD IS NOT COMING THROUGH - Psalm 57:7

- ***My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!*** (NASB)
- ***My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is steadfast and confident! I will sing and make melody.*** (AMPC)

II. THE STEADFAST HEART DOES NOT FEAR BAD NEWS – Psalm 112:7

- ***He will not fear evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.*** (NASB)
- ***They do not fear bad news; they confidently trust the Lord to care for them.*** (NLT)
- ***He does not fear bad news, nor live in dread of what may happen. For he is settled in his mind that Jehovah will take care of him.*** (TLB)

III. The OPPOSITE of a STEADFAST HEART = A HEART THAT WAVERS with fear, unbelief or doubt - James 1:6-7

- ***But let him ask in faith, never wavering; for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.*** (KJ21)