Welcome to our new series: Modern Family

We live in a modern world; we come up with modern solutions for everything…
But some things need ancient wisdom that is only found in God.

Today, in honor of Mother’s Day, we’re going to be taking a look at 3 mothers from the Bible that have something to say to modern moms. If you’re not a mom, don’t tune out. You can learn a lot from mom.

Our first Biblical mother today is Sarah, the wife of Abraham and the mother of Isaac.

But before we get to her, let me ask a question, who here can juggle?

If you’re a mother I bet you can juggle. If you have more than one child I know you can juggle.

Moms responsible for children’s activities. Being a mom can feel overwhelming… some have job

In our modern, tightly scheduled lives, we want to do more and more. Want our kids to do more more Can’t waste a second. There’s always more to do. For some modern moms life becomes an unending race of activity… Get kids up, take them to school, bring them home, soccer practice, art class, help with homework, girl scouts, boy scouts, tee ball, karate, play dates, and on and on…

You want your children to grow up well adjusted and well rounded. You want them to have the best of everything – the best experiences – and you’re going to make sure they do, even if you have to plan every moment of their day and then make sure that plan gets carried out.

You feel like you have to do it. You want to do everything; you want to be everything to your kids.

What would Sarah have to say to moms who feel this way?

***God’s Promise is better than anything you can do yourself.***

Sarah walked by faith. Left homeland and her family, to go somewhere.
Abram didn’t know where they were going, but they were promised to be given a land. And God had promised her husband that he would be the father of multitudes, a great nation, God’s people.

She was faithful to her husband, and to God. And she spent her life traveling from place to place.
I’m sure she felt responsible to provide this lineage to Abraham. She felt that it was up to her.
As years went by, she thought she couldn’t have children anymore; she tried to make it happen anyway.

She tried to make sure Abraham would have decedents through her servant Hagar.
That didn’t work out so well, because that wasn’t God’s promise.

God’s Promise is better than anything you can do yourself. And God is always faithful to his promises.

**Genesis 21:1-2 Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised. 2Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him.**

And Sarah is mentioned in the faith chapter of the book of Hebrews.

**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.**

Sarah walked by faith, even when it was difficult. She trusted in God’s promise.
Some of us here today need to trust in God’s promise, rather than our own abilities.

We want what’s best for our kids. We want to do everything for them. But we cannot possibly do as much as God can. The best thing you can do for your children is to make sure they know Jesus Christ.
Bring them up in the faith. Bring them to church. Make your faith a part of their lives.

**Proverbs 22:6 Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.**

Do you want that for your children? Then trust in God’s word. Trust in God’s promise! As it says in

Acts 2: 39The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off...

And what is the promise? In this specific passage in Acts chapter 2, Peter says “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” That promise is for you and for your children. Do you want that for your kids?
Are you living life of repentance? Have you been baptized? Are you living out your faith to your kids?

But that is not the only promise God has made to us. He has promised us His love; that He would never leave us or forsake us. He has promised us salvation through Jesus Christ. He promised us Life.

God promises that if you “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; and in all your ways submit to him, he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:4-5
He will guide you in all your ways. He will guide your kids – if you teach them to trust in Him.

It doesn’t matter if you make the most perfect schedule for your child, from the moment they’re born until they turn eighteen. It can never be as good as what God has for them. We want to rely on our own understanding and abilities, but if God isn’t a part of it, then it is ultimately meaningless.

We want our children to take part in fun activities. We want to give them opportunities to learn, and to exercise, and to socialize. And we want them to have impressive things on their résumé when they apply to college. But don’t put anything ahead of God. Prioritize their spiritual growth; give them time to grow in their relationship with the Lord. As Jesus said in Matthew chapter 6:
**But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**Teach them that, through *your* faith in God. Take time to pray with them. Read Bible with them.

It’s not about how much you can do. It’s about making sure your children know Jesus.
It’s about trusting Him to see all that he will do in their lives, and all that he will do in your life.

Sarah trusted in God’s promise, even when she didn’t understand it, and what she ultimately received was better than anything she could have done by herself.

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