I. By faith Sarai left what was known to venture into an ______________ land.
   And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered ...
   Genesis 12:5

A. Motherhood is an everyday faith builder.
B. Motherhood grows our relationship with our faithful God.
C. Motherhood teaches us to fight fear with faith.

**By Faith ... STEP INTO UNKNOWN, EVEN DIFFICULT, CIRCUMSTANCES KNOWING THAT THE LORD __________ YOUR WAY.**

II. By faith Sarah found ________ from the Lord.
   And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”  Genesis 17:15-16

A. Motherhood changes us.
B. Motherhood tempts us to seek approval and affirmation from the world.
C. Motherhood challenges us to rest in God’s favor every day.

**By Faith ... LET THE LORD’S __________________ OF YOU BE YOUR FOUNDATION.**

III. By faith Sarah saw the Lord’s ____________ come to pass.
   The Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised. And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him.  Genesis 21:1-2

A. Motherhood revises your day planner.
B. Motherhood takes you to your knees.
C. Motherhood doesn’t come equipped with a Supermom cape.

**By Faith ... TRUST THE LORD TO DO WHAT ________ HE CAN DO.**
1. What are your main takeaways from the unique format of this sermon?

2. Read Genesis 12, 17 and 21:1-7. In what ways did Sarah have to live by faith in God as her life story unfolded?

3. Sarah wasn’t a perfect person or completely faithful to God’s promises (Gen 16:1-6), yet God gave her the role of becoming the mother of His people. What does this say about the character of God? How does the way He worked in Sarah’s life provide insight into the role your own mother played in your life?

4. In what ways does the world tempt mothers to seek approval and affirmation in temporal things?

5. How does God’s estimation of us differ from the world’s, and what do we gain if we focus on His instead? What are some ways we live that out in everyday life?

A Mother’s Prayer

Fill in the blanks with child’s name as you bring this prayer to the Lord.

Lord, I ask that _______________ will have refuge and confidence in You alone, and will always go to You first, being so familiar with this refuge, and will find safety in You. (Ps 14:26)

Grant that _______________ will dwell in safety and sleep in peace, with a knowledge of being held by You. (Ps 4:8)

Grant that no weapon of the enemy formed against _______________ will stand. (Is 54:17)

Send your angels to guard and surround _______________, delivering from dangers, hidden in the shadow of Your wings from the wicked of the world. Grant protection for spirit, body, mind and emotions, and from evil or harm, accidents, diseases, injuries, or physical, mental or emotional abuse. (Ps 34:7, 91:11, 17:8-9, 121:8)

Grant that the Holy Spirit would help _______________ to discern truth from falsehood in every circumstance. (Eph 6:14; Jn 8:32)

Help _______________ to abide by and walk in Your will every day for life. (1 Jn 3:24)

Show _______________ how to be alert and self-controlled. (1 Thes 5:6)

Teach _______________ the secret of being content in every situation. (Phil 4:12-13)

Help _______________ to live a life overflowing with thankfulness to You. (Eph 5:20)

Give _______________ a bold faith with strong convictions. (Acts 28:31)

Keep _______________’s heart toward You and Your ways. (Prov 4:23, 7:25)