

If Momma Ain't Happy slides...

Sarai is unhappy

Liz Curtis Higgs, "Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible, "Sister when we stare anxiously at calendars and clocks rather than turn to God, we're looking in the wrong direction."

Proverbs 13:12 "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life."

Sarai has a plan to achieve her happiness.

Ian Duguid, "Children of such unions were normally considered full members of the family, inheriting alongside children born to the primary couple."

Psalms 37:5-7 "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him..."

Genesis 3:6b "...she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband..."

Higgs, p. 27, "Hagar was the property of her mistress. Hagar could not even call her womb her own."

Sarai's plan backfires.

Proverbs 16:9 "The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps."

Proverbs 19:21 "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand."

Proverbs 30:21-23 "Under three things the earth trembles; under four it cannot bear up: a slave when he becomes king, and a fool when he is filled with food; an unloved woman when she gets a husband, and a maidservant when she displaces her mistress."

Higgs, "If Sarai wanted an heir for Abram, why didn't she choose someone from her own tribe? By pairing her Hebrew husband with an Egyptian wife, she originated a rivalry which has run in the keenest animosity through the ages, and which oceans of blood have not quenched."

Sarai's greatest hope was in a Greater Son.

Higgs, “Let’s lift a page from *Sarai’s* life and turn it upside down: depending on God rather than seeking easy solutions, and heeding wise counsel rather than charging ahead without counting the cost. “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5)”

Carolyn Custis James, *Lost Women of the Bible*, p. 7, “Sarah – who in the New Testament is acclaimed as a woman of great faith – reminds us here how hard it is to trust God when everything is going wrong and hope is lost. The forces that assault our faith can be fierce. Even the strongest can stumble and fall. But in the end, Sarah’s faith will be stronger and have deeper roots because of she suffered.”