



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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## ***Heart to Heart...***

I'm not certain how long Sarah and Abraham were married. I do know they were married when they left Ur of the Chaldeans (Genesis 11:29,31). We know Abraham was ten years older than Sarah and when they left Haran, she was sixty five (Genesis 12:4). When she passed away she was 127 years of age (Genesis 23:1). We know between these times they were married at least sixty-two years. They were in Haran about 8 years from what we can tell. That would have put them married seventy years. It's possible it could have been longer but this is what we can conclude from Scripture. When Sarah passed away Abraham missed her terribly and grieved (Genesis 23:1-2).

All of their married life they moved! They went through many things together from their moves. Famines, a journey to Egypt, denying she was his wife because of her beauty, the trip back to Canaan, the jealousy of Hagar, laughing at the promise of God for a child to having a child in her old age and the list goes on. What varied life experiences they went through together. In all of this, she wandered in the land of Canaan for sixty-two years following her husband until one day she was laid in her grave. A loving, faithful, dedicated, godly wife for some seventy long years and her rest came, no more wandering and the end of her sojourn.

Peter calls on her as a godly example for women to follow. "For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands; just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear." (I Peter 3:5-6) Her heart and desire for God made her a role model for wives today. The experiences they enjoyed as husband and wife and the difficulties pushing them to cling to the Lord brought forth a woman of praise calling on other women who have their hope fixed on God to do the same. This doesn't set well with many women today but it sets well with God! Isn't it interesting how little she is referenced today when speaking of a godly wife?

Thank God for long, godly sustaining marriages. There are obstacles to overcome and difficulties in the journey of marriage but if God is our hope, the bond of marriage grows deeper while living lives that are full of the Lord Jesus. It is taking us to the next journey of eternity in the presence of the Lord. Sarah followed all of her married years. She is placed before us as what a godly, submissive wife looks like. Her name and life have been inscribed for eternity. Yet in the end, Abraham followed her!!! How wonderful are godly women. Think about it!!!

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