Consider how Sarah, our mother, obeyed her husband, Abraham, and called him "lord," and you will be her daughters as long as you boldly do what is right without fear and without anxiety. **1 Peter 3:6** VOICE

CHOOSING FAITH OVER FEAR HAPPENS WHEN…

1. I TRUST GOD'S _____ AND GOD'S _____.

For the Lord had said to Abram… "To your offspring I will give this land." **Genesis 12:1,7**

Sarai was unable to become pregnant and had no children. **Genesis 11:30** NLT

And Sarah had faith. So God made it possible for her to become a mother. She became a mother even though she was too old to have children. But Sarah believed that the God who made the promise was faithful. **Hebrews 11:11** NIRV

Abraham and Sarah were old by this time, very old. Sarah was far past the age for having babies. Sarah laughed within herself, "An old woman like me? Get pregnant? With this old man of a husband?" **Genesis 18:11** THE MESSAGE

Is anything too hard for the Lord? **Genesis 18:14**

All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. **Hebrews 11:13** NLT

Let us firmly hold the profession of our faith without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. **Hebrews 10:23** MEV

2. MY FAITH LEADS TO _____ NOT _____.

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. **Genesis 16:1**

Wherever there is jealousy and rivalry, there is disorder and every kind of evil. **James 3:16** GW

*But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment.***1 Timothy 6:6** NASV

3. I CHOOSE TO _____ _____ _____ RATHER THAN MINE.

So Sarai said to Abram, "Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain ***Sarai*** *(to Abram)**:** You can see that the Eternal One has still not allowed me to have any children. Why don't you sleep with my servant girl? Maybe I could use her as a surrogate and have a child through her! Abram listened to Sarai and agreed to follow her plan.* **Genesis 16:2 VOICE**

So Abram had sexual relations with Hagar, and she became pregnant. But when Hagar knew she was pregnant, she began to treat her mistress, Sarai, with contempt. [5] *Then Sarai said to Abram, "This is all your fault! I put my servant into your arms, but now that she's pregnant she treats me with contempt…* [6] *Abram replied, "Look, she is your servant, so deal with her as you see fit." Then Sarai treated Hagar so harshly that she finally ran away.* **Genesis 16:4-6** NLT

Before every person lies a road that seems to be right, but the end of that road is death and destruction. **Proverbs 14:12** VOICE

Place your trust in the Eternal; rely on Him completely; never depend upon your own ideas and inventions. **Proverbs 3:5** VOICE

4. I ACCEPT _____ PURPOSE FOR MY LIFE AS _____ AND _____ THAN _____!

God has graced me with the gift of laughter! To be sure, everyone who hears my story will laugh with me. **Genesis 21:6** VOICE

So we have no reason to despair. Despite the fact that our outer humanity is falling apart and decaying, our inner humanity is breathing in new life every day. [17] *You see, the short-lived pains of this life are creating for us an eternal glory that does not compare to anything we know here.* [18] *So we do not set our sights on the things we can see with our eyes. All of that is fleeting; it will eventually fade away. Instead, we focus on the things we cannot see, which live on and on.* **2 Corinthians 4:16-18** VOICE

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. **Romans 8:28** NLT

Now to Him who is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think [infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams], according to His power that is at work within us, [21] *to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen.* **Ephesians 3:20** AMP

Additional Notes:

Reflecting on today's message…

What touched my heart?

What is God asking me to do?

What should I change this week?

Who else needs to hear this message?