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Synopsis: To all of our Cross Point moms, "Happy Mother's Day." This Sunday is a special day set aside to honor you. And although everyday should bring you honor, you don't always feel honored do you? Sometime moms can feel like they are taken advantage of, disrespected, overworked, and undervalued. It's sad, but true.

I'm sure that Sarah felt some of that as well. After all, she was a middle aged, affluent woman when her husband said, "Let's pack everything up, we're moving to Canaan." Maybe she responded, "You mean where all the pagan nations live? *That* Canaan? Why?" Maybe Abraham responds, "Because God is going to make us into a great nation." Maybe she thought, "My husband is crazy." For some of you moms, that sounds pretty familiar.

So put yourself in Sarah's shoes. She is now an old woman who is near death. Since they left her homeland, she has moved more than a dozen times. They have no land. They have no home. By Abraham's own words they are "aliens and strangers". They certainly have a long way to go in becoming a nation.

Yet, in spite of moments of wavering faith, Sarah never stops believing the promise made to her and to her husband all those years ago. And although she never actually sees her family even get close to becoming a great nation (after all, she only had one son) her faith remains. It will be hundreds of years before Abraham's descendants will become a nation and four hundred of those years will be spent as slaves in Egypt. For Sarah, the promise had to seem very far off.

Do you feel that God's promises to you are far off? Have you been praying for your husband but he seems further and further away? Have you been praying for your children but God doesn't seem to listen. Have you been praying for healing that doesn't seem to come? Have you been praying for your finances but the checking account is still overdrawn? On this Mother's Day, take a page out of Sarah's playbook and "Don't Stop Believin".