

CHAPTER 3 Sarah: It's Up to Me

Verse	Meditation	Prayer
<i>Lesson 1: God's Barricading Hand</i>		
<p>Psalm 32:8–10 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.</p>	<p>By pushing against God's hand or going around it, I turn myself against him.</p>	<p><i>God, rather than circumventing your hand, I will fling myself into your hands and surrender my sorrows to you.</i></p>
<i>Lesson 2: God's Voice Vs. Mine</i>		
<p>John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.</p>	<p>I need to stop talking, badgering, and pressuring with my agenda so that others can hear God's agenda.</p>	<p><i>God, I believe that it is far better for _____ to hear your voice than mine.</i></p>
<i>Lesson 3: Hell Hath no Fury</i>		
<p>Proverbs 17:15, 20 He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous are both alike an abomination to the Lord. A man of crooked heart does not discover good, and one with a dishonest tongue falls into calamity.</p>	<p>When I fixate on the wrong done to me, I fail to see the wrong I've committed against others.</p>	<p><i>God, I confess my own sin of _____ to you. Please cleanse my heart of control.</i></p>
<i>Lesson 4: Never Too Old to Become Beautiful</i>		
<p>Hebrews 11:11 By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.</p>	<p>Rather than dreading the dreary, uphill challenge of surrender, I must remember that I'm surrendering to the God who brings laughter to life.</p>	<p><i>God, I trust that you will use the struggle of surrender to make me beautiful.</i></p>
<i>Lesson 5: A Family Threat</i>		
<p>Galatians 3:7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.</p>	<p>By controlling my kids or others, I might produce a pretty convincing imitation Christian, but I can't produce a true son or daughter of God on my own.</p>	<p><i>God, I will stop trying to control what only you can accomplish in my child's life.</i></p>

