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Sarah as a Role Model for the Contemporary African Women

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ABSTRACT The aim of this paper is to present Sarah as a model who abided by her divinely appointed role to change her immediate world and that of her husband, her entire household and the world at large. In spite of the fact that she was at the background, her impact was felt in the forefront and in the world in general. This was made known in the way by which she affected Abraham's life both positively and negatively (the negative effects of which are still felt in the world today). The influence of women as a role model in the contemporary African environment is well documented from both national and international perspectives. However, what lacks in extant literature is the understanding of whether women portray themselves not as competitors with men in all endeavours of life, but as one who wins through humility, gentleness and submission. The study used quantitative research design. Primary data were collected through self-administered questionnaires. Data was analysed using descriptive statistics as the statistical tool. The value of this study lies in the findings contrary to existing literature and; women play a major role in the society. However, the level of Christian's related experience the women holds, regardless of gender, influences the person's behaviours. It is evident that Sarah, Abraham's wife played a vital role as a woman who was an agent of inculcating Christian ethics at home and in the society. The study therefore, suggests that if women adhere to Biblical and social norms then it will certainly improve the ethical values of community thereby making the society a better place for all to live.