Genesis Walking with God

Abraham (Gen 16)

Genesis 16:1-6

¹ Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar.² And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.³ So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife.

Genesis 16:1-6

⁴ And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. ⁵ And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me!" ⁶ But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.

Our Plan vs God's Plan

Trusting God's Character & Promises

Waiting for God (His Timing -Not Our Timing)

Our Plan = Our Mess



Genesis 16:7-16

⁷ The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur.⁸ And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai." ⁹ The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her." ¹⁰ The angel of the LORD also said to her, "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude."

Genesis 16:7-16

¹¹ And the angel of the LORD said to her, "Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has listened to your affliction.
¹² He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen."

Genesis 16:7-16

¹³ So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "You are a God of seeing," for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me." ¹⁴ Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered. ¹⁵ And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. ¹⁶ Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

God Intervenes

A God who Hears

(Ishmael = God Hears)

A God of Seeing (El Ro'i)

Hagar Trusts God & His Plan



Embrace God's Plan

Genesis 17:18 And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!"

Do we want God to bless our plans, or do we embrace His plans?

