

## MAN'S WAY NOT GOD'S WAY ~ Genesis 16:1-14

→ Scripture Reading Genesis 15:4-7, 13-14

### INTRODUCTION

**TWO QUESTIONS:** Constable

- HOW will Abraham obtain the LAND?
- WHO will be Abraham's HEIR?

### REFUSAL TO WAIT ON GOD ~ Genesis 16:1-6

[1] Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar; [2] so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said. [3] So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian maidservant Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. [4] He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. [5] Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my servant in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the LORD judge between you and me." [6] "Your servant is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.

### APPLICATION

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS FOR ABRAM

- 75 - LEFT Haran and ENTERS Canaan 12:4
- 85 - becomes the FATHER of Ishmael 16:3
- 99 - receives the PROMISE that Sara will have a son 17:15
- 100 - Isaac is BORN 21:5

→ Abram and Sarai chose a human solution - to fulfill a PROMISE made by GOD

**FAITH - means patiently WAITING for God's TIMING** BKC

**Isaiah 40:30-31** (ESV) Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; [31] but they who **WAIT for the LORD** shall **RENEW their strength**; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

*Strength will rise as we WAIT upon the Lord*

*We will WAIT upon the Lord - We will WAIT upon the Lord*

*Our God, You reign forever - Our hope, our Strong Deliverer*

*You are the everlasting God The everlasting God*

*You do not faint You won't grow weary*

*You're the defender of the weak You comfort those in need*

*You lift us up on wings like eagles*

## THE GOD WHO HEARS AND SEES ~ Genesis 16:7-14

[7] The angel of the LORD found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur. [8] And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?" "I'm running away from my mistress Sarai," she answered. [9] Then the angel of the LORD told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her."

**GO BACK** - you were wrong in your actions  
**SUBMIT** - to your mistress

[10] The angel added, "I will so increase your descendants that they will be too numerous to count." [11] The angel of the LORD also said to her: "You are now with child and you will have a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the LORD has heard of your misery. [12] He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers."

### PROMISES OF GOD TO HAGAR vs. 10-12

- you will be the mother of NATIONS
- you will HAVE a son
- your son will be WILD and FREE

[13] She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." [14] That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; it is still there, between Kadesh and Bered.

## APPLICATION

### LESSONS FROM HAGAR...

- honestly face Our SINS
- Go Back to the CROSS - in Repentance
- SUBMIT to God - in FULL Complete Unconditional SURRENDER

## BIRTH OF ISHMAEL ~ Genesis 15:12-21

[15] So Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne. [16] Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

## TAKE AWAY ??

These two NAMES are a major REVELATION of God: **He HEARS and HE SEES** Constable

**Exodus 3:7** (NIV) The LORD said, "**I have indeed SEEN** the misery of my people in Egypt. **I have HEARD them crying** out because of their slave drivers, and **I am CONCERNED** about their suffering.