

SERIES: GENESIS
GOD CARES
 GENESIS 16

1. God cares for you when you make a **mess** in your life

Genesis 12:12-13; I Peter 3:6

Genesis 16

1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar. 2 So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, **the Lord has restrained me from bearing children**. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her." And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. 3 Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram **to be his wife**, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan. 4 So he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress **became despised in her eyes**. 5 Then Sarai said to Abram, "**My wrong be upon you!** I gave my maid into your embrace; and when she saw that she had conceived, I became despised in her eyes. **The Lord judge between you and me.**" 6 So Abram said to Sarai, "Indeed your maid is in your hand; do to her as you please." And when Sarai dealt harshly with her, she fled from her presence.

2. God cares for us by giving us clear **directions** back to Him

Genesis 16

7 Now the Angel of the Lord **found her** by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. 8 And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, **where have you come from, and where are you going?**" She said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai." 9 The **Angel of the Lord** said to her, "Return to your mistress, and **submit** yourself under her hand."

3. God cares when He sees you are stuck in your **past**, and provides a **future** as He hears your cry of desperation

Genesis 16

10 Then **the Angel of the Lord** said to her, "I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude." 11 And **the Angel of the Lord** said to her: "Behold, you are with child, and you shall bear a son. You shall call his name **Ishmael** [**God will hear**], **because the Lord has heard your affliction**." 12 He shall be a wild man; his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." 13 Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, "Have I also here seen Him who sees me?" 14 Therefore the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; observe, it is between Kadesh and Bered. 15 So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. 16 Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

4. God cares for us by giving an understanding of His **salvation** through this moment in the life of Abram, Sarai and Hagar

Galatians 4

21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. 23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, 24 which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar— 25 for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children— 26 but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.