



Abraham
THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

Alternatives to Faith
Genesis 16 & 21

**Despite our impatience,
God is our hero**



Children's Catechism

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El Roi = the God who sees



**Heroes are not all that heroic.
God is heroic.**

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1. *Abram*



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- *Impatient*

“Waiting requires time and patience. There is no quick way to wait on God. It implies sacrifice and separation, a soul entirely given up to God to wait expectantly and with genuine faith and not to dictate what He will do or say.”

***Andrew Murray
Waiting on God (pg. 41)***

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- *Impatient, Rationalizing*

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3. Hagar

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- *Victim, Proud, Disrespectful*

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1. Abram

- *Passive, Disengaged*

2. Sarai

- *Impatient, Rationalizing, Abusive*

3. Hagar

- *Victim, Proud, Disrespectful*

**Despite our impatience, despite our sin,
God is our hero**



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Can you trust a God that sees you like this?

God's Heroism Rubs Off



Galatians 4



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- *Life of Faith (Sarah & Isaac)*

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- *Life of Faith (Sarah & Isaac)*
- *Life of Striving (Hagar & Ishmael)*

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

A desert landscape at night. The sky is a deep blue, filled with numerous stars of varying brightness. A prominent crescent moon is visible in the upper right quadrant. In the foreground, a simple tent made of light-colored fabric is pitched on the sand. The sand dunes are illuminated from the side, creating soft shadows and highlighting the texture of the sand. The overall scene is serene and evocative of a journey in a vast, open space.

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