

Series: Genesis

“Abraham’s Journey of Faith – Part 4”

(Sunday Morning September 7th, 2025)

Passage: Genesis 16:1-6

If we try to manipulate God’s will in some way, we will discover that we have only managed to f_____ t_____ u_____.

Isa 55:9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

Gen 25:23 “The LORD said to her, ‘Two nations are in your womb; and two peoples will be separated from your body; and one people shall be stronger than the other; and the older shall serve the younger.’”

I. The Solution They Came Up With for the Lord’s Problem

1) Sarah Got I _____

Heb 11:12 “Therefore there was born even of one man, and him as good as dead at that, as many descendants AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE.”

This is often how the Lord works: First, there is the p_____; and then, there is the d_____
of the promise; and then, there is the m_____.

Gen 37:7 “for behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf rose up and also stood erect; and behold, your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf.”

John 11:25 “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life...’”

2) Abraham Was A _____

a. Sarah’s D _____

Prov 30:15, “...there are three things that will not be satisfied, four that will not say, ‘Enough’”

b. Abraham’s C _____

Gen 3:6 “When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.”

3) Hagar Got E _____

Rom 14:23 “...whatever is not from faith is sin”

a. Cultural Acceptance Does Not E _____ to the Will of God

b. Pragmatic Results Do Not C _____ the Will of God

Gal 6:7 “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.”

II. The Problems That Came to Them From Their Solution

1) Hagar Became P_____

Prov 13:10 “Through insolence (Pride) comes nothing but strife, ...” (Emphasis Added)

Solomon is saying that you can mark this down; when there is disharmony and strife, it is usually because someone has become p_____ u_____ with p_____.

2) Sarah Became A_____

We might want to keep this in mind; Abraham did this because he wanted domestic h_____ but what he reaped was domestic c_____.

3) Abraham Became P_____

James 4:1 “What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?”

Even to this day, this strife continues as there is a great deal of a _____ between the descendants of Isaac and the descendants of Ishmael.

III. The Solutions the Lord Came Up With for Their Problems

Rom 5:20 “...but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more”

1) Hagar Was Told to S_____ to God

Psalms 34:18 “The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. “

2) Sarah Was Told to S_____ to God

If He is “The God who sees me”, and He most certainly is, this must mean that He also sees me when I a _____ people.

1 Pet 3:5-6 “5 For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands; 6 just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, ...”

3) Abraham Was Told to S_____ to God

Eph 5:21 “and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ”

Eph 5:22 “Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.”

Eph 6:5 “Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ”

Gal 4:22-24 “22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondwoman and one by the free woman. 23 But the son by the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and the son by the free woman through the promise. 24 This is allegorically speaking, for these women are two covenants: ...”