**Quiet Time Questions from September 28, 2025**

**Begin your quiet time each day with prayer. Ask the LORD to help you focus and understand what you are studying.**

**MAIN POINT OF THIS WEEK’S PASSAGE We need God to open our eyes so we can understand His justice, trust in His promises, and see His salvation.**

**MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK “Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law..” (Psalm 119:18)**

**1. Read Genesis 21:8-34. How does Genesis 21 help us understand God’s justice is patient, precise, and purposeful—not random or cruel? Consider how God allowed time for repentance (400 years), yet still judged sin, and showed mercy to both Isaac and Ishmael. What does this teach us about how God balances justice and mercy? How should this shape our response when we struggle to understand God’s judgment in the Bible—or in the world today?**

**2. Read Genesis 21:8-34. What does the connection between Abraham’s well at Beersheba and Hagar’s wandering in that same area reveal about God’s unseen provision? Do you think Abraham intentionally sent her toward a place where he had prepared provision? How does this encourage us to trust that God may already be working behind the scenes to provide what we—or others—will need?**

**3. Read Genesis 21:8-34. What might prevent us, like Hagar, from seeing God's provision that's already around us? What emotional, spiritual, or circumstantial "blinders" could be keeping you from seeing God's hand at work? How have you experienced this kind of spiritual blindness or breakthrough in your own life?**