

# Lesson 6: Faith in the God Who Sees and Hears

## Genesis 16



One of the greatest challenges of waiting is, well, waiting. But particularly, not allowing your mind and heart to become anxious from assumptions and fabricated scenarios from your own thoughts. And, not acting impulsively on those thoughts. Relationships can end up greatly affected by how we wait on the Lord. When we grow impatient in our faith, we can find ourselves jumping ahead of the Lord and creating our own mess. Or we can find ourselves on the receiving end of irrational thoughts and actions of someone who has grown impatient and anxious. And as a result, turning to emotional reactions that only add to the problem and make things worse, rather than relying on our faith in the Lord to steady us in the moment and keep our relationships in right places. This chapter teaches us about walking by faith in our God who sees and hears us in our time of heartache and despair and that He really does care.

### Questions

1. How old is Abram in the setting of this events in this chapter?
2. How is Sarai feeling about her personal situation of barrenness?
3. Who does she blame for her barrenness? Why do you think she does that?
4. Who comes up with a plan for dealing with Sarai's barrenness, and what does the plan involve?
5. Who goes along with the plan?
6. Is this a plan devised out of faith? Explain your answer.

7. How does the plan work out for each person involved and how do they handle themselves?

8. In what way(s) does the Lord insert Himself into the situation?

9. Take note of how the angel address Hagar and his question to her. What is significant about that?

10. What is significant about how Hagar answers the angel?

11. What instruction does the angel give Hagar? If you're Hagar, how would you feel about obeying the angel? Explain.



12. How does the angel of the Lord help Hagar to be receptive of his message?

13. What does she call the Lord and why?

14. Why do you suppose the Lord appeared to Hagar rather than Abram and Sarai?

15. What faith lesson(s) do you learn from this chapter about God seeing and hearing?