

The Next Covenant

Genesis 16:1-3

1. Sarai decided (this was her decision)
2. Abram listened (like Adam, Abram decided to listen to his wife)
3. This occurred 10 years after Genesis 15:1 when God promised children

Thoughts:

Why did Sarai try to make Gods plan happen before His timing?

Why did Abram listen?

Genesis 16:4-6

4. Abram has sex with Hagar, Hagar then treats Sarai with disrespect.
5. Sarai blames Abram
6. Abram is passive does not lead.

Thoughts:

What were the immediate results of Sarai trying to go before Gods plan?

Was Hagar a slave now or a wife?

Does Sarai take blame for her actions?

Why is Abram so passive? Does he handle conflict well?

Genesis 16:7-9

Hagar is sent away with bad feelings, an angel of the Lord appears, tells her to go back to Abram and Sarai.

Genesis 16:10-12

7. I will multiply your offspring, same as Abram but slightly different
8. Name him Ishmael (God hears)
9. He shall be like a wild donkey, he will fight everyone, he will fight his relatives.

Thoughts:

Why did God multiply Hagar's offspring?

Has any of Ishmael's descendants been enslaved? Job 39:5-8

What is missing from Hagar's covenant compared to Abrahams?

Questions:

Do we ever try to go before God's timing?

What are some dangers that can happen if we do?

Has God promised you something that you are waiting for?