

WHAT TO EXPECT IN A LIFE WITH GOD

Genesis 21

1. Expect joy when we trust God

The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. (1)

2. Expect consequences from poor choices

But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac." And the thing was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son. (9-11)

3. Expect pain when making tough decisions

And the thing was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son. (11)

4. Expect conflict with the flesh

But God said to Abraham, "Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for through Isaac shall your offspring be named. (12)

5. Expect provision when we have a need

Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. (19)

6. Expect peace when we do what is right

Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God. And Abraham sojourned many days in the land of the Philistines. (33-34)