

Baby Momma Drama

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The Scriptures say that Abraham had two sons, one from his slave wife and one from his freeborn wife.

*The son of the slave wife was born in a **human attempt** to bring about the fulfillment of God's promise.*

*But the son of the freeborn wife was born as **God's own fulfillment** of his promise.*

Galatians 4: 22-23 (NLT)

*"O Sovereign Lord, what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son? **Since you've given me no children**, Eliezer of Damascus, a servant in my household, will inherit all my wealth. You have given me no descendants of my own, so one of my servants will be my heir."*

*Then the Lord said to him, "No, your servant will not be your heir, **for you will have a son of your own who will be your heir.**" Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!" And Abram believed the Lord, **and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith.**"*

Genesis 15:2-6 (NLT)

*Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had not been able to bear children for him. But she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar. So Sarai said to Abram, "The Lord has prevented me from having children. **Go and sleep with my servant.** Perhaps I can have children through her." And Abram agreed with Sarai's proposal. So Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian servant and gave her to Abram as a wife. (This happened ten years after Abram had settled in the land of Canaan.)*

*So Abram had sexual relations with Hagar, and she became pregnant. But when Hagar knew she was pregnant, **she began to treat her mistress, Sarai, with contempt.** Then Sarai said to Abram, "This is all your fault! I put my servant into your arms, but now that she's pregnant she treats me with contempt. The Lord will show who's wrong—you or me!"*

Abram replied, "Look, she is your servant, so deal with her as you see fit." Then Sarai treated Hagar so harshly that she finally ran away.

*So Hagar gave Abram a son, and Abram named him Ishmael. Abram was eighty-six years old when Ishmael was born. **Genesis 16:1-6, 15-16 (NLT)***

Then Abraham bowed down to the ground, but he laughed to himself in disbelief. "How could I become a father at the age of 100?" he thought. "And how can Sarah have a baby when she is ninety years old?"

*So Abraham said to God, "May Ishmael live under your special blessing!" But God replied, "**No—Sarah, your wife, will give birth to a son for you.** You will name him Isaac, and I will confirm my covenant with him and his descendants as an everlasting covenant. **Genesis 17:17-19 (NLT)***

Then one of them said, "I will return to you about this time next year, and your wife, Sarah, will have a son!"

*Sarah was listening to this conversation from the tent. Abraham and Sarah were both very old by this time, and Sarah was long past the age of having children. So she laughed silently to herself and said, "How could a **worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure**, especially when my master—my husband—is also **so old?**"*

*Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, 'Can an old woman like me have a baby?' **Is anything too hard for the Lord?** I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son."*

Genesis 18:10-14 (NLT)

The Lord kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would.

*And Abraham named their son Isaac. Eight days after Isaac was born, Abraham circumcised him as God had commanded. **Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born.** And Sarah declared, "God has brought me laughter. All who hear about this will laugh with me. ⁷ Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse a baby? Yet I have given Abraham a son in his old age!"*

Genesis 21:1-7 (NLT)

Three Insights...

- 1. When we replace God's plan with ours, there are always unpleasant consequences.**

A "Hagar" is...
When we use **human effort** to accomplish a **divine promise**.
When we try to accomplish something by the **arm of the flesh**
instead of by the **grace of God**.

You cannot get what God wants to give you,
using **human means or methods** to arrive there.

2. God isn't in a **hurry**.
3. God always keeps **His promises**.

*For the Scriptures tell us, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." **Romans 4:3 (NLT)***

