



Series: Genesis: The Foundations for the Coming of Christ.

Title: God's Way, My Way, and the Highway to Heaven

Scripture: Genesis 16-17

2026 Theme Verses *May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. **Romans 15:5-7***

May Verse: *I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. **Gen. 12:3***

What happens when we let go of the promise of God? (Gen. 16:1-6)

1. We see our circumstances with no hope to change. (Prov. 13:12)
2. We take matters into our own hands.
3. We are willing to sin to get what we want.
4. We focus on our own hurt rather than the hurt we've caused.

"Whatever man does without God, he'll fail miserably or succeed more miserably."

-George MacDonald

5. We blame-shift and pass off responsibility instead of confessing sin.
6. We mistreat people who have helped us.
7. We run from our problems.

What happens when God brings His presence into our lives? (Gen. 16:7-16)

1. God brings His presence into our mess.
2. God deals with our heart first.
 - a. God helps us face our past and gives purpose to our pain.
3. God invites us to repent from doing life our way and to do life God's way.
4. God promises protection and staggering blessing.
5. God reveals His plans for us in His story of redemption.
6. We are transformed when we confess that God is Savior and Lord.
7. We can do hard things when we know that God sees and loves us. (Matt. 28:20)

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with Christ

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What happens when we hold on to the promise of God? (Gen. 17:1-16)

1. We understand that God is always on time according to His will - not ours.
2. God reveals Himself as All-Knowing and All-Powerful and All-Personal.
3. We understand that it takes years of simply trusting God daily to strengthen faith.
4. God promises a new name to every overcomer in Him. (Rev. 2:17)
5. We believe that what God says, He will do.
6. God gives us a sign of the covenant He makes with us. (Col. 2:11-12)
7. We carry out God's commands with joy.