



June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Genesis 16  
Abram's Catastrophic Shortcut

## SERMON NOTES

### My takeaways:

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When we take \_\_\_\_\_ to God's plan, the results are \_\_\_\_\_

Our culture doesn't determine what is \_\_\_\_\_

Culture's solution to your \_\_\_\_\_ will only create more \_\_\_\_\_

The Consequences of some \_\_\_\_\_ will never be resolved on this \_\_\_\_\_

God \_\_\_\_\_ our pain and suffering and \_\_\_\_\_ our cry for help!

### Tools For Today:

1. Trust the Lord with your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ him like Hagar
2. Trust God's \_\_\_\_\_ and not the \_\_\_\_\_ of this world

## LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What insight, lesson, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? How was your experience with the Life Tool's this past week?

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2. What motivated Sarah to ask Abraham to have a child with their servant, Hagar? What does this request tell us about the state of Sarah and Abraham's faith?

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3. Have you ever tried to take matters into your own hands rather than trusting and waiting on God? What does taking matters into your own hands imply what you believe about God?

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4. How did Sarah's jealousy affect Hagar and Ishmael? What effects have you seen in your life and the lives of those around you when you've given into jealousy?

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5. Look at verses 7-12. Why did God prevent Hagar from fleeing? What does this tell us about God?

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6. How did Hagar respond to God's Word that was delivered to her through the angel of the LORD (vv. 13-14)?

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7. What causes you to lose sight of the grace of God in your life? How can we maintain our focus on God's grace when life is difficult? What about when life is good?

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8. How does being reminded that God is "the God who sees" impact the way you live today? Can you describe a time when you were comforted by knowing God sees you?

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## LIFE TOOLS

**Parents of Pre-K – Teens:** This week plan a movie night with your family, and of course make some popcorn! Whether you put it in a microwave or on the stove, make sure everyone is around when you take the popcorn out early. Sometimes we get impatient, unwillingly to wait for God to act so we try and expedite God's promise. Without patiently waiting, we rob ourselves of the fully developed and tasty popcorn. God's ways are not our ways, and our timing is not God's timing, so this week let's practice waiting for God to do what God said He would do. Isaiah 55:8-9, Psalm 27:13-14.