

Promise Fulfilled (Genesis 21) Abraham: Hearing God's Call – Part 9

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Genesis 12:1-3 (ESV) Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Galatians 4:22-23 (ESV) For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise.

Hebrews 11:8, 11 (ESV) By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. ...By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.

1. Believe God keeps His _____

Genesis 21:1-2 (ESV) The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him.

1A. _____ God's commands

Genesis 21:3-4 (ESV) Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.

1B. _____ God's faithfulness

Genesis 21:5-6 (ESV) Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. And Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me."

2. Understand there will be _____

Genesis 21:9 (NIV2011) But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking,

2A. Don't let your _____ mislead you

Genesis 21:10-11 (ESV) 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.

2B. Listen to God's _____

Genesis 21:12 (ESV) 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.

3. Know that God is _____

Genesis 21:15-16 (ESV) When the water in the skin was gone, she put the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Let me not look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept.

3A. God hears the cry of the _____

Genesis 21:17 (ESV) And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is.

3B. God has a _____ for everyone

Genesis 21:18 (ESV) Up! Lift up the boy, and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make him into a great nation."

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
 - Invite a friend for our series **Abraham: Hearing God's Call** next Sunday.
 - How will I obey God's Word this week? _____
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Promise Fulfilled (Genesis 21) Study Guide

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Intro. How was Abraham's initial obedience essential in seeing God's promise fulfilled (Genesis 12:1-3)?

According to Galatians 4:22-23, what distinguished Abraham's two sons? What lesson does this teach us?

How was Abraham and Sarah's faith essential in receiving the promise (Hebrews 11:8-11)?

1A. What does Genesis 21:1-2 emphasize about the Lord?

1B. What does Genesis 21:3-4 emphasize about Abraham (Genesis 17:12, 19)?

1C. What kind of laughter was Sarah talking about in Genesis 21:5-6?

1D. How can you discover God's promises for your life (2 Peter 1:3-4)?

2A. Why do you think Ishmael treated Isaac badly (Genesis 21:9, Galatians 4:29)?

2B. Why was Abraham displeased with Sarah's request (Genesis 21:10-11)?

2C. How was Sarah right and Abraham wrong with respect to Ishmael (Genesis 21:12)?

2D. In what ways can our emotions lead us astray from God's will? Why should our decisions never be made based solely on emotions?

3A. What do you think was Hagar's state of mind as she was cast out of Abraham's household (Genesis 21:15-16)?

3B. What does Genesis 21:17 tell you about God's heart?

3C. What was God's plan for Ishmael (Genesis 21:18-21)?

3D. What can we learn from God's treatment of Hagar and Ishmael that applies to our lives?