

Genesis 16 - Faithful God, Failing People

Big Idea: The only hope for wayward sinners and wounded souls is the faithful, tender, overwriting grace of our God.

Outline

1. A Massive Failure
 2. The Tender Care of God
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A Massive Failure

[1] Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar.

[2] And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her."

Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. [3] So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. [4] And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived.

The Tender Care of God

[7] The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur.

[8] And he said, “Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?” She said, “I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai.” [9] The angel of the LORD said to her, “Return to your mistress and submit to her.”

[10] The angel of the LORD also said to her, “I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude.” [11] And the angel of the LORD said to her, “Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has listened to your affliction. [12] He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and everyone’s hand against him, and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen.”

[13] So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, “You are a God of seeing,” for she said, “Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.” [14] Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

How should we respond?

- 1. Trust in the tender care of God**
- 2. Trust God’s Word and Promises**
- 3. Repent**
- 4. Praise God for His Overwriting Grace**