**Genesis 16: God’s Mercy During Our Failure**

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*Now* ***Sarai****, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named* ***Hagar****;****2****so she said to Abram, “The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her.”* ***Abram agreed*** *to what Sarai said.* Genesis 16:1-2

***3****So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her* ***Egyptian slave Hagar*** *and gave her to her husband to be his wife.****4****He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to* ***despise her mistress****.* Genesis 16:3-4

***5 Trust*** *in the Lord with* ***all your heart*** *and lean not on* ***your own understanding****;* ***6****in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.* Proverbs 3:5-6

***5****Then Sarai said to Abram, “****You are responsible*** *for the wrong I am suffering. I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the Lord judge between you and me.”* ***6****“Your slave is in your hands,” Abram said. “Do with her whatever you think best.” Then* ***Sarai mistreated Hagar****; so she fled from her.*

Genesis 16:5-6

***7****The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur.* ***8****And he said, “Hagar, slave of Sarai,*

*where have you come from, and* ***where are you going****?” “I’m running away from my mistress Sarai,” she answered.* Genesis 16:7-8

(2 Corinthians 1:3-5)

***9****Then the angel of the Lord told her, “****Go back*** *to your mistress and* ***submit to her****.”****10****The angel added, “I will* ***increase your descendants*** *so much that they will be too numerous to count.”* Genesis 16:9-10

***6****But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says. “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”* ***7Submit yourselves, then, to God****. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you*. James 4:6-7

***11****The angel of the Lord also said to her: “You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son. You shall name him****Ishmael****, for the Lord has heard of your misery.* ***12****He will be a wild donkey of a man;  his hand will be against everyone and everyone’s hand against him, and* ***he will live in hostility towardall his brothers****.”* Genesis 16:11-12

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**Arab-Israeli Conflict.** Descendants of Ishmael & Isaac still in conflict today.

***13****She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: “****You are the God who sees me****,” for she said, “I have now seenthe One who sees me.”****14****That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; it is still there, between Kadesh and Bered.* Genesis 16:13-14

(Mark 4:37-40)

*the God who sees.* ***El Roi*,** “the God who sees” / “the God of Seeing”

***15****So Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne.****16****Abram was* ***eighty-six years old****when Hagar bore him Ishmael.* Genesis 16:15-16