

Genesis Lesson 33

They ran
ahead of
God

4 "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir."

5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

Genesis 16:1

1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar.

2 So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the LORD has restrained me from bearing children. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her."

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;

2 So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the LORD has restrained me from bearing children.

My MIND
WAS
DWELLING
ON DOUBT.

I HAD TO
DECIDE
TO
BELIEVE.

He will
definitely
show us.

Pray

Seek
God for
what HE
wants.

**PRAYER
TAKES
WAITING
AND THAT'S
REALLY
HARD TO DO.**

**They
didn't
have the
Bible.**

Psalm 27:14

14 Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD!

**They didn't
have the
Holy Spirit
living within
them.**

Romans 8:14

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

**Turn
TO God
or walk
AWAY
from
God.**

**Luke 4:1 (NKJV) 1 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,
2 being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.**

**God
always
had a
plan.**

**God's
best
takes
waiting
time.**

There are long stretches of darkness and invisibility and silence that separate planting and reaping.

Trusting God means waiting for his timing even if it seems like He has forgotten.

"The trouble is that I am in a hurry but God isn't."

3 Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan.

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And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress became despised in her eyes.

5 Then Sarai said to Abram, "My wrong be upon you! I gave my maid into your embrace; and when she saw that she had conceived, I became despised in her eyes. The LORD judge between you and me."

6 So Abram said to Sarai, "Indeed your maid is in your hand; do to her as you please." And when Sarai dealt harshly with her, she fled from her presence.

Genesis 16: (NKJV)

7 Now the Angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.

John 1:1 (NKJV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Colossians 1:16 (NKJV)

16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Exodus 3:2–4 (NKJV)

2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush...

Exodus 3:6 (NKJV)

6 Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

Genesis 17:4 (NKJV)

4 ... and you shall be a father of many nations.

8 And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai."

**Wait. Trust. Do not
run ahead of God.**

**Stay in constant
contact with Him.**

**Continually ask for
what He would like
you to do and then
wait for Him to
show you.**