



Hagar and Sarai

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Based on the Account in Genesis 16

Abram and Sarai were now already old and still didn't have any children. Sarai decided to make her servant, Hagar, Abram's wife too so maybe she could have a baby. But when Hagar became pregnant, she started to despise Sarai because Sarai couldn't get pregnant. Sarai talked to Abram about it and he told her she could do whatever she wanted with Hagar. Sarai began to deal harshly with her, so Hagar ran away. In the wilderness, an angel came to Hagar and asked her where she came from and where she was planning to go. She told him that she was running away from her mistress, Sarai. The angel told her to go back to Sarai and to respect her, and he promised Hagar that the generations of her children would be innumerable. He also told her that she was pregnant with a son and that she should call his name Ishmael.

So Hagar went back to Sarai, and soon her son was born and she called his name Ishmael.

Abram was 86 years old when Ishmael was born.

God had already promised that Abram would have many generations of children, but since nothing was happening Sarai took matters into her own hands. She thought she could make things better, but she only made it worse for everyone. Sometimes when we are waiting on God, we don't see a change and get impatient and try to take matters into our own hands. The best is to have faith that God knows what He is doing, and that everything works out for the best in His time. All we need to do is wait on Him and He will take care of the rest.

