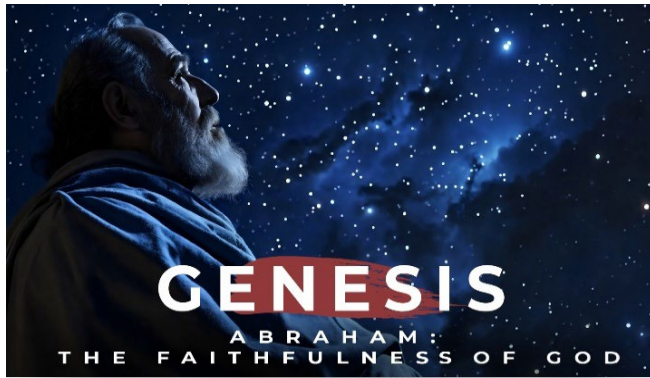




ABRAHAM: THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD “Convenience, Circumvention, & Chaos”

Genesis 16:1-16

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Truths for Transformation

- 1) The danger of refusing to wait – they made regrettable choices Vs 1-3
Isaiah 28:16 (NKJV)
- 2) The devastation of running ahead – they created painful consequences Vs 4-6
Proverbs 30:21-23
- 3) The discovery regarding their choices – they found the Lord’s mercy & sovereignty Vs 7-14 Psalm 139:1-12; Romans 8:28
- 4) The decision reveals the reality – they reaped what they sowed Vs 15-16
Galatians 6:7-8

Takeaways for Today

- 1) Don’t let delays or denials lead to doubt and drive you to devise your own solution.
- 2) The Lord doesn’t need your help, advice, or intervention to accomplish His perfect plan for your life.
- 3) Taking matters into your own hands often creates problems you never intended or imagined.
- 4) Your failures or brokenness never put you beyond the reach of the Lord’s mercy and grace.
- 5) What you sow today may produce consequences that reach far beyond tomorrow.

Response Questions

- 1) Why is it sometimes easier to believe God's promise than to trust God's timing?
- 2) Why is waiting on the Lord often one of the most difficult parts of walking by faith? Where in your life are you most tempted to let delay or denial lead to doubt and drive you to devise your own solution?
- 3) How can something that seems reasonable, practical, and culturally acceptable still be contrary to God's will?
- 4) What are some warning signs that we are trying to "help God" rather than simply obey and trust Him? Is there an area of your life right now where you need to stop trying to control the outcome and trust the Lord with it?
- 5) What does God's interaction with Hagar reveal about His concern for people who feel unseen or forgotten? What significance do you see in Hagar calling the Lord "the God who sees me"?
- 6) What does the name Ishmael ("God hears") teach us about the Lord's response to suffering?
- 7) What decision are you facing right now where you need to ask, "What could this choice produce tomorrow?"
- 8) How does Genesis 16 demonstrate that God's sovereignty is greater than our failures?