

ABRAHAM: A FRUSTRATING DETOUR

Genesis Series – Study # 20

Text: Genesis 16:1-16

The Story

1. Abram & Sarai take a _____. (16:1-4)
 - They attempted to fulfill God's promise by _____ means.
 - Their alternate plan was not the result of _____.
 - It is futile to try to achieve God's blessings by _____ effort.
2. The shortcut brings _____. (16:4-6)
3. The frustration brings _____. (16:6-8)
4. The Lord brings _____. (16:9-16)

God sees affliction and _____ the cries of those in need.

 - The Lord encourages Hagar with a _____.
 - The Lord instructs Hagar to do the _____ thing.
 - The Lord is revealed as a God who _____ (16:11), _____ (16:13), and _____ after those who look to Him (16:13-14).
5. Negative _____ are foreshadowed. (16:12)

When _____ try to take a shortcut in God's plan for us, it will lead to frustration and pain. God can bring healing, but _____ will have negative consequences to deal with.

Avoiding Frustrating Detours from God's Plan

1. Don't make plans without consulting _____ about _____ will for your life.
2. Think through the _____ of the decisions you make before you make them.
3. Keep in mind that even those we _____ the most can lead us _____ if they are not listening to God.
4. Don't use the _____ values and methods to determine and carry out _____ plans.
5. Make plans and use strategies that are in agreement with God's _____.
6. Walk by _____ and wait for God to fulfill His promises in _____ way and _____ time.