Waiting on the Lord

Greg Kline · Genesis 16:1–6

INTRODUCTION

- One of the most difficult things to do in all of life, and in particular in Orlando, Florida, is to wait.
- But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles.
- We need to let God be our lifeline, let God be our refuge in God alone. That's what it means to wait on the Lord, to trust totally and wholly in him.

1 What Sarah Did

Genesis 16:1–6; Genesis 3:1–6; 2 Samuel 12:13–14

- Behold now the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Go into my servant. It may be that I shall obtain children by her.
- Sarah could not deal with the consequences of her hastily devised plan.
- When we sin, can we be forgiven by God? Absolutely. But it does not remove our consequences.
- When she can't stand the mess that she has made, she takes it out on somebody else.

2 What Abraham Did

Genesis 16:2; Genesis 16:6; Genesis 3:12

- And Abram listened to the voice of Sarah. Can you believe that Abraham, this great man of faith, would go along with this plan?
- There's a big difference in going along with your spouse being supportive and going along with something that is not God's plan.
- Behold, your servant is in your power. Do to her as you please. This is the consummate Bible example of passing the buck.
- He should have stepped up and been the spiritual leader that Abraham was so many times throughout the Old Testament.

3 Trust in the Wisdom of the Lord

Proverbs 2:6–10; Hebrews 11

- We need to truly wait on the Lord. We need to trust in the wisdom of the Lord.
- For the Lord gives wisdom. From his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.
- I trust in God, but do we act like that or do we behave as Abraham and Sarah did in Genesis chapter 16?

4 We Need to Be Willing to Wait on the Lord

Psalm 27:14

- We need to be willing to wait on the Lord. In Psalm chapter 27 and verse 14, this means that in any time and in any way we trust God's path.

- Be strong and let your heart take courage. Wait for the Lord.
- Do I really trust God each and every day to allow me to do what it is that I do?
- If we trust only in God, we will speak to him about it every day, multiple times a day.

5 Consider the Consequences of Our Sin

Genesis 3:9–13; Genesis 3:24

- The truth is they were unprepared for the consequences of what would come to pass.
- Adam and Eve knew this was a bad decision. But we need to be thinking about that before it happens.
- Both physically and spiritually, when we alter God's plan, we are waging war against our God.
- Just as Adam and Eve were driven out of the garden, we face separation from God when we alter or try to change God's plan.

6 Consider the Victory of Trusting in God

Genesis 21:1–7

- When you think about Joseph's story, you realize that God had his plan all along.
- And the Lord did to Sarah as He had promised. And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age.
- God will keep what he has said. God will keep what he has promised.
- The true victory that Christ offers, that God has made available to all of us is to be with him forever.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do we truly trust in God? It's not a mental decision, it's a physical action. You look at your life. Have you trusted in God's plan and every role that you play?**

MY NOTES