

STUDY FOURTEEN

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

Genesis 16

Introduction

Abram and Sarai had been living in Canaan now for ten years. God had promised Abram a son. But he and Sarai were well aware that she was no longer able to bear children. In the New Testament Abram is described as the man of faith (Gal. 3:9). Yet in this story Abram does not act in faith. Here we will see what happens when we act not in faith but only according to our own feelings.

Questions For Discussion

1. What was Sarai's suggestion?

2. What was the result of her suggestion (vv.3-5)?

3. In whose hands did they place their future? (See Pr. 3:5-6)

4.a) Is it a sin to be impatient as Abram and Sarai were? (See Heb. 6:12)

b) How can we grow in patience? (See Gal. 5:16-26)

5. What was the ultimate result of their impatience (v.12)? (Note: the Arabs are descendants of Ishmael and have long been in conflict with the Jews.)

6. How can we help our brothers or sisters who have fallen into sin? (See Gal. 6:1-2)

7.a) How did God deal with Hagar (vv.7-12)?

b) What does that tell us about Him?

c) What can we learn from the name that Hagar gives God (v.13)?

d) What are some of the other names of God in the Bible?

For Further Thought And Action

Is there any area of your life in which you need to grow in patience?

Memory Verse

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6