

THE LIFE OF FAITH

OWNING YOUR JOURNEY

Surrogate Solutions

Genesis 16

1) Surrogate solutions birth disaster. *vv.1-6*

2) Simple faith waits in obedience. *vv.7-16*

Three Truths

- When God is silent, He is present.
- When God is silent, faith waits.
- When God speaks, faith obeys.

My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) Ten years after arriving in Canaan, Abram is still without a child at age 85. He resorts to a surrogate solution. What are some surrogate solutions common in our culture today?
- 2) Who does Sarai really blame for her trouble? See verses 2 and 5. Is blaming a common response when things don't work out right?
- 3) What does Hagar learn about God from the meaning of the name Ishmael? See verse 11. How does this lesson of faith instruct future generations? See Genesis 25:21.
- 4) When things are not working out according to plan, what should the believer's response be? See Psalm 46.

Memory Verse
Genesis 16:13

"She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: 'You are the God who sees me,' for she said, 'I have now seen the One who sees me.'"