



THE FOOTSTEPS OF FAITH
THE GOD WHO SEES
GENESIS 16

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1. Trust _____
(vv. 1-16)

Genesis 16 (ESV)

16 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. 2 And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. 3 So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. 4 And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. 5 And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me!" 6 But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.

2. Endure _____
(vv. 7-16)

7 The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. 8 And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai." 9 The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her." 10 The angel of the LORD also said to her, "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude." 11 And the angel of the LORD said to her,

"Behold, you are pregnant
and shall bear a son.
You shall call his name Ishmael,
because the LORD has listened to your affliction.
12 He shall be a wild donkey of a man,
his hand against everyone
and everyone's hand against him,
and he shall dwell over against all his
kinsmen."

3. Wait _____
(vv. 1-6)

13 So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "You are a God of seeing," for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me." 14 Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered. 15 And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. 16 Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Psalm 34:15-18.** In what ways might you be most tempted to doubt that God sees and God hears what is going on with you? What are some other Scriptures you can meditate on this week to correct those feelings of temptation?
2. How can you bridge the gap between what you may know in your head to be true about God and what you might feel during trials and suffering in your life?
3. **Read 1 Peter 5:6-7.** How can a lack of trust in God's care actually be an expression of pride? What will it look like for you to "humble yourself under the mighty hand of God" in these times?
4. **Read 1 Peter 2:19.** In what specific ways do you need to be more "mindful of God" in situations where you may be suffering unjustly?
5. **Read Psalm 27:14.** "Wait for the Lord" is something we say a lot in church and as Christians. What should that actually look like in your life this week?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Bridges, Jerry. *Trusting God*. NavPress, 1988.

Carson, D.A. *How Long, O Lord?* Baker Academic, 2006.

Fabarez, Mike. *Lifelines for Tough Times*. Harvest House, 2014.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord that He is a God who sees and who hears!

Pray specifically for things that are burdening you or your group—knowing that God hears.

Pray for God to build up the men of our church at our upcoming event studying the book of Titus.

Pray for Compass Bible Church North Texas, which launched last August just north of Dallas.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
2/26	Numbers 5-7	Mark 14:1-31
2/27	Numbers 8-10	Mark 14:32-72
2/28	Numbers 11-13	Mark 15
2/29	Numbers 14-15	Mark 16
3/1	Numbers 16-18	Luke 1:1-38
3/2	Numbers 19-21	Luke 1:39-80