

**Day 1. Read Genesis 21:1-7, Romans 4:17-22, and John 11:1-14.**

1. Why did God wait 25 years before he consummated the promise he had made to Abram and Sarai?
2. What is something you waited for (or are waiting for) and why is waiting so hard?
3. What are some healthy behaviors you could practice while you are waiting on God?

**Day 2 Read Genesis 21:8-10 and Galatians 4:22-31.**

1. What are some of the root causes of the rift between Sarah, Hagar, and Ishmael?
2. When do the Biblical values and promises of God in which you believe cause friction within your family and friend circles?

**Day 3 Read Genesis 21:11-14**

1. Why do you think God would command Abraham to push Hagar and Ishmael into the desert?
2. How do you think Abraham, Ishmael, and Hagar were impacted by this decision?
3. How have you been affected by a significant division in your family?

**Day 4 Read Genesis 21:15-21**

1. Why do you think God provided water, hunting skills, and a wife for Ishmael?
2. Read Matthew 6:25-34. Why do you think people sometimes do not feel comforted by these stories in the Bible?