

Day 1. Read Genesis 16:1-4

1. What are some possible justifications for Abram and Sarai's behavior?
2. When was the last time you created a scheme to get what you wanted, despite sensing that what you were doing might be wrong?

Day 2 Read Genesis 16:5-6

1. What is your assessment of Sarai's behavior?
2. How did Abram fail in this story?
3. Where is your lack of spiritual leadership or faith hurting you?

Day 3 Read Genesis 16:7-12

1. What does this text say about God's care for those who are marginalized?
2. What does this text say about God's plan for Ishmael, and why do you think He allowed Ishmael to be born?
3. Can you recall an event or a scripture that gave you a deep confidence, even if it was just for a short time, that God has a plan for your life? Please share your example.

Day 4 Read Genesis 16:13-16

1. What happened to Hagar's faith through this experience, and why do you think Abram chose to use the name Ishmael, the name Hagar was instructed to use?
2. What parts of your life are you hoping that God sees and what aspects of your life are you hoping is he looking away?