

Chapter 16

Who made the decision about Hagar being a 'surrogate'? Who was it discussed with?

Who named Ishmael? What was his destiny?

Who was the angel who appeared to Hagar?

Chapter 17

The Lord told Abram to "walk before him and be blameless". Abram had several visits from the Lord before this point, how was he doing in his 'walk' so far?

Describe the covenant made between God and Abram:

Why circumcision? Who was affected and what were the consequences of refusing to have it done? What did circumcision symbolize?

How do we know that Abraham didn't 100% believe that God would give him a son through Sarai initially?

What does Isaac mean?

Abraham requested a blessing for Ishmael, describe God's response, is this different than what Hagar was told in chapter 16?:

How do we know that Abraham eventually believed God?

Chapter 18

Who were the three visitors?

Why did the Lord come again and repeat his blessing so soon after his last visit?

Sarah laughed and then lied about laughing, what kind of insight can you infer about her faith walk from everything we've covered today?

What do you think was God's reasoning behind revealing to Abraham the plan for Sodom and Gomorrah?

Describe how Abraham intercedes for Sodom and Gomorrah and the example that give us when we pray:

Reflection:

How have you struggled with patiently waiting on God? Have you resorted in taking matters into your own hands – what were the results of that?

Are you walking blameless before the Lord? In what areas could you trust Him more?

Can you identify with Sarah at all? In what ways?

Is anything in your life too hard for God?

Who in your life needs intercessory prayer?