

Mother's Day  
SERMON



# Someone to Watch Over You

**GENESIS 16:1–14**

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## **WELCOME:**

### Fixing Our Focus

#### **Suggested icebreaker:**

Did you ever have an experience as a kid having problems making friends? How did you overcome the challenge?

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## **WORSHIP:**

### Adoring Our God

#### **Suggested song:**

- [Dakilang Katapatan](#)

# WORD & WALK:

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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### LESSON AIM

1. GG members will learn to wait upon God and His perfect timing.
2. GG members will look to God to vindicate them for any injustice they may experience.

### INTRODUCTION

God had promised Abram and Sarai that He will bless them with offspring. In Genesis 12:1-2, God promised Abram that he will become a great nation. Later on in Genesis 15:5, God told Abram that his descendants would be as innumerable as the stars in heaven. However, after many years, they continued to be without offspring. And so, they decided to take matters into their own hands. Sarai gave her servant, Hagar, to Abram that she might have offspring through her. This decision caused conflict and animosity to spring up between Sarai and Hagar. Hagar runs away but God came to her, blessed her, and told her to return and submit to Sarai.

In our lesson, we'll learn to wait upon God's perfect timing and that God sees and takes care of those who are oppressed and down-trodden.

### The consequences of Abram's and Sarai's decision (vv. 1-6)

Abram and Sarai were waiting upon God's promise that they will become parents and that a nation, made up of innumerable people, will come from them. However, after years of waiting, they felt that nothing was happening. And so, Sarai decided that Abram should have relations with her servant Hagar.

1. What is problematic about this request?
2. What is wrong about Abram's accommodation to it?

Later on, Hagar conceives and starts to despise Sarai because she is not able to bear children.

1. Was Hagar's contempt for Sarai justified?
2. How did Sarai react, toward Abram and Hagar?
3. What was Hagar's response to her maltreatment by Sarai?

### Application

Why do you find it difficult to wait on the Lord and His timing? Why do you think it's easier to apply human wisdom while waiting for God?

# WORD & WALK:

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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### **An angel of the Lord met Hagar and spoke to her (vv. 7-15)**

An angel of the Lord met Hagar while she was in the wilderness. He first commanded her to return to Sarai and submit to her. Then he gave her a promise about her and her son.

1. What promise was given to Hagar?
2. What were the things prophesied about her son?
3. What does this reveal about God and His character?
4. How did Hagar name the angel of the Lord and the well where she met him?  
Do you think these are appropriate names?

### **Application**

How have you experienced God during a time when you were unjustly treated by others?

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### **PRAYER ITEM**

Father, help to to trust completely in your wisdom and not upon mine. Teach me to be patient and wait upon your perfect timing. Grant me wisdom to discern whether my decisions could be to the detriment of others. Teach me, Father, to be wholly in submission to your will in my life. ■



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