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A TALE OF TWO BROTHERS

The Word of God talks about two brothers. Same Father, (Abraham) but different mothers. (Sarah and Hagar). One was born of the mother (Sarah) that was given a promise from God, while the other was born of a mother (Hagar) that came as a result of not waiting on God. These two brothers represent the flesh versus the Spirit. One was God's plan, and the other was man's plan.

So often God has a plan for us, but we fail to wait, or we take things into our own hands to bring the plan about. This can be a very foolish thing to do. It can lead to "family feuds," and cause us to miss out on God's best in our lives. The Ishmael's (Muslims) and Isaac's (Jews) are still at war today because of Sarah's plan.

Are you waiting for a promise from God? Has it been taking a long time for it to come to pass? Be sure of this one thing, that God has a plan, and He will bring things to pass in His time, not ours.

It may happen quickly, but chances are that it will not happen that quickly. Humans are very vulnerable when they are born. They cannot take care of themselves. A human must grow and develop into the child stage, then young person, then teenager, then adulthood, then seasoned adults! It takes time to mature. There are diseases that rush this aging process only to bring death prematurely because the body aged too fast.

One of the most precious gifts from God is patience. Patience gives us the ability to trust while the matter is being taken care of by God. I think it would be an entirely different world if there had been no Ishmael. Waiting for Isaac was difficult to say the least, but waiting was God's plan.

I feel sorry for Ishmael. It wasn't his fault that he was born, but because of his birth it has caused great dissension between two half-brothers.

Think about your decisions before you make them. What will that decision birth? God never gives us a bad plan, but it takes time to bring it to maturity. While you are waiting, grow in the things of God and become the best you can be. God's timing is always perfect!