

Leadership Questions Week 10

Genesis 20:1-18; Genesis 21:1-2, 7-21

The Patriarch Era

In Genesis 20, Abraham again fears for his life and asks Sarah to lie, saying she is his sister. Sometimes we are a lot like Abraham we lose perspective and base our decisions on sight not faith. Praise God! He takes people as they are: sanctification in progress.

In God's time, Abraham's promise is fulfilled, Genesis 21.

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 3:1 – "Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives."

Prayer Focus: Lord, may I be submissive to those who are in authority over me.

Read this week's Scripture.

1. What does Abraham tell Sarah to do in Gerar?

2. Why?

3. What is wrong with Abraham's perspective? Is he basing his decision on: his sight and reason or God's promise?

4. What is Abraham's main concern? Who does Abraham rely on for protection?

5. How does Abimelech know that he has offended God?

6. What does Abimelech understand about God and where does he obtain that understanding?

7. Who prevents Abimelech from sinning against Sarah?

8. Have you ever suffered negative consequences from a poor decision your husband made? What is your responsibility?

9. What does God have Abraham do for Abimelech and his people?

10. In chapter 21, how old is Abraham when Isaac is born? What does this tell you about God's ways?

11. What does God command Abraham to do? Why is this significant? (Genesis 17:10, 12)

12. How do Hagar and Ishmael respond to Isaac's birth?

13. How does Sarah react toward Hagar and Ishmael?

14. How does Abraham feel about Sarah's demands? What are God's instructions to Abraham?

15. What is the basis of God's promises regarding Ishmael? (Genesis 21:13)

16. What are God's instructions to Hagar?

17. How do they differ from those of the past?

18. What does God do for Hagar? What does this tell you about God's care for hurting women?

Read 1 Peter 3:1-6. It is not so much that you trust that your husband will hear from God, but that God is big enough to lead your husband without your interference. Your greatest influence, as a woman, is through submission and prayer.