



By Faith

Genesis 12-25

2 Corinthians 4:7

We have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us.

Main Idea

Genesis 21 serves to remind us that everything God does through His people is meant to nurture hearts of worship, while also bringing glory to God through a wider witness to His greatness.

Genesis 21:1-7

The LORD came to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised. ² Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time God had told him. ³ Abraham named his son who was born to him—the one Sarah bore to him—Isaac. ⁴ When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God had commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him...

⁶ Sarah said, “God has made me laugh, and everyone who hears will laugh with me.” ⁷ She also said, “Who would have told Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne a son for him in his old age.”

Genesis 17:15-17

God said to Abraham, “As for your wife Sarai, do not call her Sarai, for Sarah will be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her; indeed, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she will produce nations; kings of peoples will come from her.”

¹⁷ Abraham fell facedown. Then he laughed and said to himself, “Can a child be born to a hundred-year-old man? Can Sarah, a ninety-year-old woman, give birth?”

Genesis 18:10-12

The LORD said to Abraham, “I will certainly come back to you in about a year’s time, and your wife Sarah will have a son!” Now Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent behind him.

¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were old and getting on in years. Sarah had passed the age of childbearing.

¹² So she laughed to herself: “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I have delight?”

Genesis 21:1-2

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Isaiah 40:1-2

“Comfort, comfort my people,” says your God.

² “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and announce to her that her time of hard service is over, her iniquity has been pardoned...

Ephesians 1:7

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Psalm 103:11-12

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His faithful love toward those who fear Him.

¹² As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Isaiah 1:18

“Come, let’s settle this,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are crimson red, they will be like wool.

Isaiah 40:11

He protects his flock like a shepherd; He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them in the fold of His garment. He gently leads those that are nursing.

Isaiah 40:29-31

He gives strength to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Youths may become faint and weary, and young men stumble and fall, ³¹ but those who trust in the LORD will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not become weary, they will walk and not faint.

Genesis 21:8-13

The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham held a great feast on the day Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son mocking—the one Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, “Drive out this slave with her son, for the son of this slave will not be a coheir with my son Isaac!” ...

¹¹ This was very distressing to Abraham because of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed about the boy and about your slave. Whatever Sarah says to you, listen to her, because your offspring will be traced through Isaac, ¹³ and I will also make a nation of the slave’s son because he is your offspring.”

Galatians 4:22

For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and the other by a free woman.

Galatians 4:28, 31

Now you too, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise...

31 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of a slave but of the free woman.

Genesis 21:14-21

Early in the morning Abraham got up, took bread and a waterskin, put them on Hagar's shoulders, and sent her and the boy away. She left and wandered in the Wilderness of Beer-sheba. ¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she left the boy under one of the bushes ¹⁶ and went and sat at a distance, about a bowshot away, for she said, "I can't bear to watch the boy die!" While she sat at a distance, she wept loudly...

¹⁷ God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What’s wrong, Hagar? Don’t be afraid, for God has heard the boy crying from the place where he is. ¹⁸ Get up, help the boy up, and grasp his hand, for I will make him a great nation.” ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well. So she went and filled the waterskin and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew; he settled in the wilderness and became an archer. ²¹ He settled in the Wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Genesis 16:11

The angel of the LORD said to her, “You have conceived and will have a son. You will name him Ishmael, for the LORD has heard your cry of affliction.

Genesis 21:22-24

At that time Abimelech, accompanied by Phicol the commander of his army, said to Abraham, “God is with you in everything you do. ²³ Swear to me by God here and now, that you will not break an agreement with me or with my children and descendants. As I have been loyal to you, so you will be loyal to me and to the country where you are a resident alien.” ²⁴ And Abraham said, “I swear it.”

Genesis 21:32-34

After they had made a covenant at Beer-sheba, Abimelech and Phicol, the commander of his army, left and returned to the land of the Philistines.

³³ Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beer-sheba, and there he called on the name of the Lord, the Everlasting God. ³⁴ And Abraham lived as an alien in the land of the Philistines for many days.

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.