



Wandering Toward Promise - Wk 3 Not Forgotten

Genesis 21:8-21

God sees and hears those the world casts aside.

The Season of Pentecost & Summer Sermon Series

These stories aren't about perfect people. They teach us to trust God even when we cannot see the path ahead.

Today, we are going to study a story that is troubling, traumatic, and also filled with unbelievable hope.

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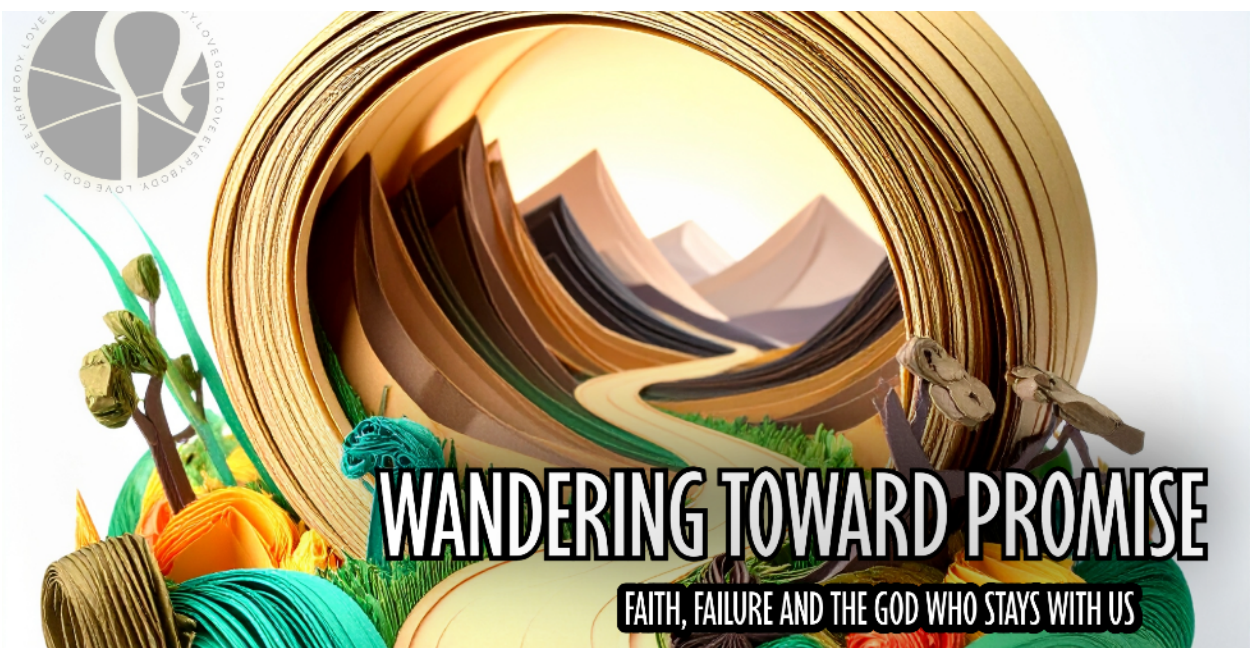
- *The story of Hagar—enslaved, abused, and cast aside.*
- *The birth of Isaac changes things for Ishmael, and also Sarah.*
- *The Hebrew term metsacheq - Ishmael was making Isaac laugh.*
- *Sarah fears that Ishmael will be a threat, so she acts to prevent it.*
- *Abraham is “distressed” (saw it as evil), but God gives him a message.*
- *Hagar is driven out—forcibly removed—underscoring the violence.*
- *The provisions Hagar is given are not enough to sustain their lives.*
- *God hears Hagar's cries and responds to her with hope.*
- *The word na'ar speaks to how Ishmael is forced to grow up quickly.*

The wilderness is often where people discover they were never abandoned.

What Do We Learn From This Story?

1. *Where in our society can we see those who are cast aside?*
2. *How should we respond, considering God's care for them?*
3. *What do we take away from Hagar's story that can instruct us?*

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