



May 17, 2026
Genesis 21:1-21

“God’s story of beginnings – where pain meets purpose, and grace breaks through.”

Genesis 21:1-21 ¹ Now the Lord was gracious 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 very time God had promised him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. ⁴ When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶ Sarah said, “God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.” ⁷ And she added, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.” ⁸ The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. ⁹ But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, ¹⁰ and she said to Abraham, “Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.” ¹¹ The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. ¹² But God said to him, “Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. ¹³ I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring.”

¹⁴ Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba. ¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, "I cannot watch the boy die." And as she sat there, she began to sob.

¹⁷ God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. ¹⁸ Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation."

Ishmael meaning – "God _____"

¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰ God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. ²¹ While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

APPLICATION:

1. God's Word is sure even when _____ feels uncertain. **V1-2**

Numbers 23:19 God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

"God never promises that our seasons of waiting will end by receiving exactly what we want. Not all infertility ends with a baby. Not all cancer ends with a cure. Not all singleness ends with a spouse. Which means that our



hope can't be anchored in the thing we're waiting for. Our hope has to be anchored in something far greater—the promises and character of God.” ~ Courtney Doctor

2. There is a hunger that only God can _____.
V6-8

Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

John 6:35 Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

3. Waiting seasons teach us to trust the
_____ of God. **V9-21**

Psalms 34:18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

“Christians are people of hope and not despair. Because we know that God, who had the first word, will have the last. He is never thwarted or caught napping by the circumstances of our lives.” ~ Rebecca Manley Pippert

“Do not let us think of prayer as the coaxing or the conquering of a reluctant friend, but rather as the confident appeal to One who is always wise, and always willing to give us what is best for us.” ~ Theodore Cuyler



upcoming events

MAY 17: CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS (AFTER 11:30 SERVICE)

MAY 18 WEEK: SPRING/SUMMER CREWS BEGIN

MAY 22: CONNECT YTH 7 PM

MAY 24: MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 1 PM

MAY 31: COMMUNION

MAY 31: BAPTISM CLASS (AFTER 11:30 SERVICE)

JUNE 7: SAVE THE DATE – CONNECT'S 6TH BIRTHDAY

**CONNECT CREWS ARE ONGOING THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.
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Attendance 5/10 – 9:30 & 11:30 AM: 728

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