

Genesis 16

**“Decisions, Decisions”
What Not To Do**

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Review: Road To Maturity

**It's Not Keeping A List of Do's
And Don'ts, It's trusting the Lord
for more and more**

- **Gen 12**, Salvation & Location
- **Gen 13**, Food & Relationships
- **Gen 14**, Protection & Finances
- **Gen 15**, God's Word & Family

Today's Outline

“Decisions, Decisions” - What Not To Do

■ **When Making a Decision**

- Never Go Against God's Word
- Never Go With the Culture
- Never Make a Decision without Prayer
- Don't be in a Hurry

■ **Why You Should Heed the Above**

- Your Plan Will Backfire
- There is No One To Blame But Yourself
- The Consequences Can be Generational

Genesis 16:1

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar.

- **Genesis 12:16** He treated Abram well for her sake. He had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and **female servants**, female donkeys, and camels.

Genesis 16:2

So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the Lord has restrained me from bearing children. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her."

Gen. 15:4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come **from your own body** shall be your heir."

Gen. 2:23 -24

One Flesh (One Body)

23 And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

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Common Practice in Society

The Code of Hammurabi

- #146. If a man has married a votary, and she has given a maid to her husband, and the maid has borne children, and if afterward that maid has placed herself on an equality with her mistress, because she has borne children, her mistress shall not sell her, she shall place a slave-mark upon her, and reckon her with the slave-girls.

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Genesis 16:2

And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai.

Proverbs 2:6

**For the LORD gives wisdom; From
His mouth come knowledge and
understanding;**

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- **Proverbs 19:2**

Also it is not good for a soul to be without knowledge, And he sins who hastens with his feet.

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Genesis 16:3-4

3 Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan. 4 So he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress became despised in her eyes.

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Genesis 16:5 (NLT)

5 Then Sarai said to Abram, "This is all your fault! I put my servant into your arms, but now that she's pregnant she treats me with contempt. The LORD will show who's wrong—you or me!"

The Buck Stops With Dad

Ephesians 5:23

For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

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Genesis 16:6

6 So Abram said to Sarai, "Indeed your maid is in your hand; do to her as you please." And when Sarai dealt harshly with her, she fled from her presence.

She's Your Maid

Genesis 16:7-8

7 Now the Angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. 8 And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai."

Angel of the Lord: ***mal'ak Yěhovah***

2nd Person of the Trinity
(pre-Incarnate Christ)

Genesis 16:9-11

9 The Angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand." 10 Then the Angel of the Lord said to her, "I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude." 11 And the Angel of the Lord said to her:

Genesis 16:11-12

“Behold, you are with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the Lord has heard your affliction. 12 He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, And every man’s hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.”

Genesis 16:12

American Standard Version

12 And he shall be as a wild ass among men; his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell over against all his brethren.

Ishmael

- Becomes the father of the Arabic People
- They will war with the children of Israel until Messiah comes back.

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Genesis 16:13-14

13 Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, "Have I also here seen Him who sees me?" 14 Therefore the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; observe, it is between Kadesh and Bered.

Genesis 16:15-16

15 So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. 16 Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

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