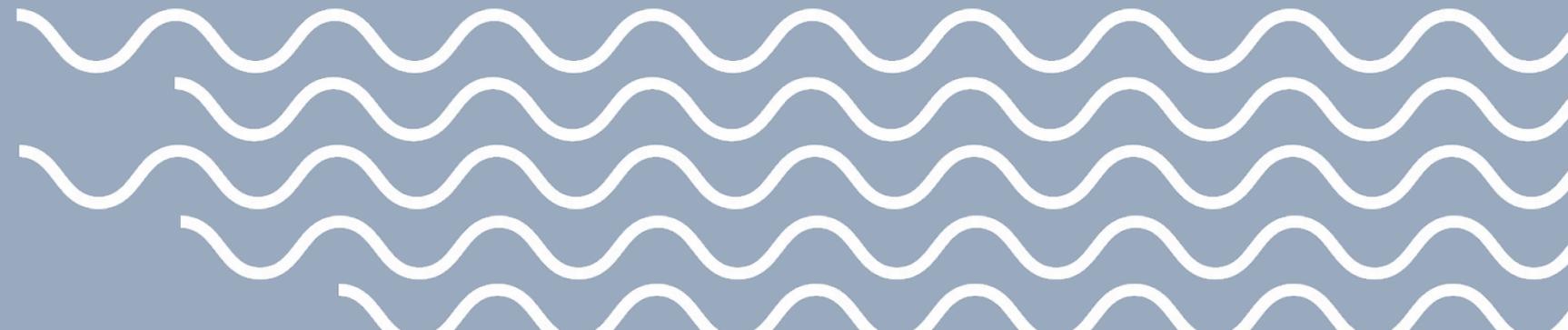


GENESIS 16, 21:1-21

SARAH AND HAGAR

The God who **Sees and Hears**



Sarah & Hagar

“The God who Sees and Hears”

Gen 15- God promises Abram, I will give you a son....great nation

Gen 16:1-2- Deviation from God's plan.....Echoes of Eve and Babel

Gen 16:13- Hagar flees, encounters God... proclaims “God who **sees** and **hears** me”

Gen 17- God reminds Abraham of the promise, Sara hears the promise...both laugh

Gen 21 Isaac is born...God fulfills his promise

Sarah & Hagar Theme

**GOD PROMISES
WE DOUBT**

**TAKE MATTERS INTO OUR OWN HANDS
IN OUR DISTRESS GOD SEES AND HEARS US**



SPIRITUAL BARRENESS

Proverbs 13:12 NIV

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.



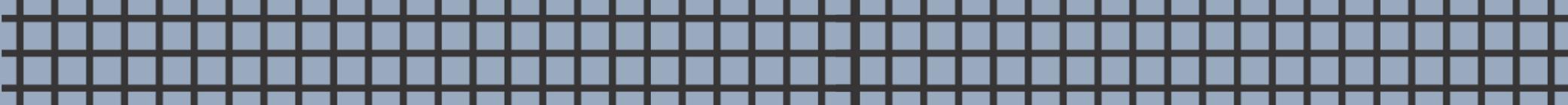


SPIRITUAL BARRENESS

Psalm 119:81-83 NIV

My soul faints with longing looking for your salvation, but I have put my hope in your word. My eyes, fail looking for your promise; I say, “When will you comfort me?” Though I am like a wineskin in the smoke, I do not forget your decrees.



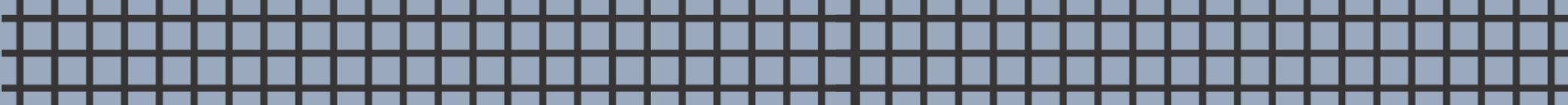


SPIRITUAL BARRENESS

Luke 24:21 NIV

...we had hoped that he was the one who
was going to redeem Israel.





BEGIN TO DOUBT

LACK OF CONTROL
FOCUS ON WHAT WE DON'T HAVE



**“WHATEVER A MAN OR WOMAN
ATTEMPTS TO DO WITHOUT GOD
WILL BE A MISERABLE FAILURE -
OR EVEN A MISERABLE SUCCESS.”**

DAVID GUIZIK





RELINQUISH CONTROL

REMEMBER THE GOD OF THE PROMISE



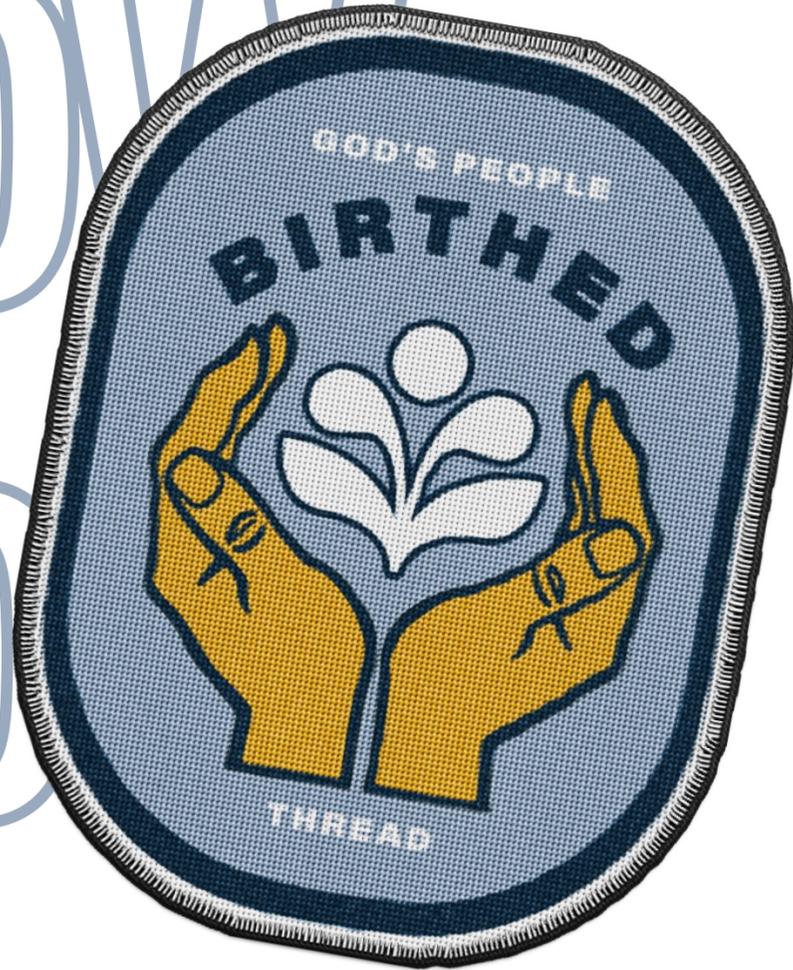


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NEXT WEEK

Jacob

**Birthright and
Blessing**