

### The Heart of the Matter

12. What promise have you been waiting “10 years” for God to fulfill? How have you coped with such delays?

13. Like Hagar, in what areas are you feeling tempted to run away? What should you do instead?

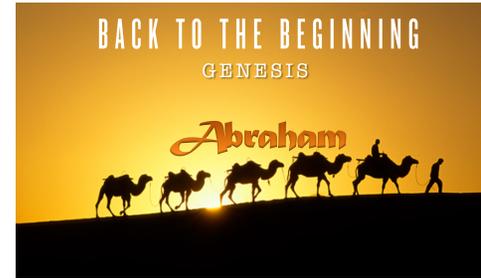
14. As in Genesis 16:13-14 what name would you give to God or to the place where you met him?

15. If God is “the God who sees,” how should you live your life knowing that God is aware of everything about you? (Psalm 139)

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## Life Group Study Guide

### The Seduction of Moral Compromise Genesis 16:1-16 For the Week of February 18, 2018

#### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Describe a time when you had to wait a long time for God to answer one of your prayers. How did God finally answer your prayer?
3. Can you describe a time when you believe God touched your heart with comfort and compassion?

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### **Digging Deeper**

4. Of the three main characters in this account—Abram, Sarai, and Hagar—who do you identify with most?

5. What drove Sarai to this course of action in giving Hagar to Abram? V1-2 How did the plan backfire? V4

6. How did Abram sin in taking Hagar for his wife?  
(Genesis 2:24; 1 Corinthians 7:2; 1 Timothy 2:3)

7. How did God discipline Abram for this sin? What were the consequences? V4-15

8. What caused Sarai to despise Hagar? V4-6

9. Why did the Lord give Hagar direction, hope and promise? V7-13

a) God felt sorry for her.

b) God loved her and her son—like He loves everyone.

c) God felt obligated to take care of the child she was carrying.

d) God allowed rebellion and sin and then used them to further His eternal purposes.

10. Find other examples in the Bible where multiple marriages caused great trouble and grief.

11. What long range consequences did Abram's sin bring upon his descendants, even to this day? V12