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“Living By Faith Not By Sight”
(Genesis 16:1-17:8)

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A Personal Story

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*The **God** Who Is **Waiting For Us** (16:1-6)*

a) Our Presumption (v. 1-2a)

*“Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. And Sarai said to Abram, “Behold now, **the Lord has prevented me** from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it **may be that I shall obtain children by her.**”*

The **God** Who Is **Waiting For Us** (16:1-6)

b) Our Pride (v. 4b)

And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with **contempt** on her mistress.

*The **God** Who Is **Waiting For Us** (16:1-6)*

c) Our Passivity (v. 2b, 6)

*... And Abram **listened** to the voice of Sarai.
(v.2b)*

*But Abram said to Sarai, “Behold, your servant is in your power; **do to her as you please.**” (v.6)*

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*The **God Who Sees** (16:7-16)*

a) His Compassion (v. 7-8)

*“The angel of the Lord **found her** by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. And he said, “**Hagar**, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?”*

*The **God Who Sees** (16:7-16)*

b) His Commitment (v.10-11)

*The angel of the Lord also said to her, “**I will surely multiply** your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude ... You shall call his name **Ishmael**”*

*The **God Who Sees** (16:7-16)*

a) His Counsel (v. 9)

*The angel of the Lord said to her, “**Return** to your mistress and **submit** to her.”*

The *God Who Sees* (16:7-16)

So she called the name of the Lord *who spoke to her*, “You are a God of seeing,” for she said, “Truly here I have seen him *who looks after me.*” (v.13)

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The God Who Does The Impossible (17:1-8)

a) A Revelation (v. 1a)

“When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty ...” (v.1a)

The God Who Does The Impossible (17:1-8)

a) A Revelation (v. 5-8)

I have made you the father of a multitude of nations ...

I will make you exceedingly fruitful ...

I will make you into nations ...

I will establish my covenant ...

I will give to you and to your offspring ... all the land of Canaan

I will be their God.

The *God Who Does The Impossible* (17:1-8)

b) A Responsibility (v. 1b)

“... walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” (v.1b)

The *God Who Does The Impossible* (17:1-8)

c) *A Relationship (v. 7-8)*

“And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you ... *I will be their God.*”

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- 2. *Walk Blamelessly***