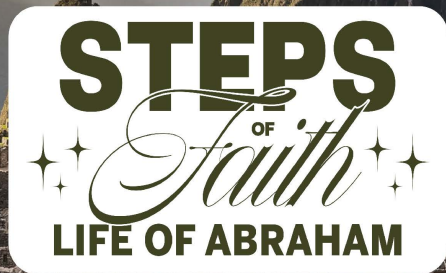


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# NEXT STEPS



## Abraham: Names, Detours, and Discernment Series: "Are We There Yet" Genesis 16

### Questions to *Dig Deeper*:

1. How do Abram and Sarai's actions in Genesis 16 reflect the cultural norms of their time, and in what ways might their choices challenge or align with our own cultural pressures today?
2. God meets Hagar in her distress and speaks to her directly. What does this reveal about God's faithfulness and care for the marginalized and overlooked? How can we reflect that in our own lives?
3. In what ways does Genesis 16 show that God remains present and faithful even when people make flawed or desperate choices? How can this encourage us in our own messes?
4. How would a counter-cultural response to waiting on God look in our current society, especially when God's promises seem delayed or unclear? What practices can help us cultivate trust in those seasons?
5. Hagar names God "El Roi," the God who sees. What does that name mean for people walking through rejection, broken relationships, or injustice today? How does that shape the way we view others' pain—and our own?