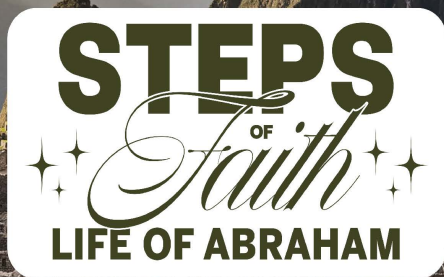


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NEXT STEPS



Abraham: Names,
Detours, and
Discernment Series:
"God's Love Is
Bigger Than Mine"
Genesis 21:8-21

Questions to *Dig Deeper*:

1. How do you see God's love expressed toward Hagar and Ishmael in this passage, even as they are sent away?
2. In verse 17, God hears the boy crying. What does this reveal about God's awareness of our pain and struggles?
3. Hagar experiences deep fear and despair in the wilderness. How does God's presence change her situation, and how might that speak into our own seasons of hardship?
4. What does the opening of Hagar's eyes to the well (v.19) teach us about God's provision and care in the midst of difficulties?
5. How does God's promise to make Ishmael into a great nation (v.13, v.18) demonstrate His love beyond human plans or expectations?
6. In what ways can we, as a community of faith, reflect God's love and presence to those who feel cast out or overlooked, like Hagar and Ishmael?