



THREE STEPS FORWARD, TWO STEPS BACK

Genesis 16 // Dr. Ron Jones

_____ out of _____ Americans believe the statement “God helps those who help themselves” is in the Bible. POLLSTER GEORGE BARNA

1. In Genesis 16:1-6, Sarah was in a _____ place.

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. ² 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.” And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. GENESIS 16:1-2 ESV

_____ always leads to _____ when we fail to walk by faith.

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2. In Genesis 16:7-16, Hagar was in a _____ place.

And the angel of the Lord said to her, "Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the Lord has listened to your affliction. ¹² He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen."

GENESIS 16:11-12 ESV

² For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ... ²⁴ Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. ... ³⁰ But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman will not inherit with the son of the free woman." ³¹ So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman. GALATIANS 4:21-32

HAGAR	SARAH
Ishmael	Isaac
Problem child	Promised child
Slave	Free
Law (Old Covenant)	Grace (New Covenant)
Flesh	Spirit
Earthly Jerusalem	Heavenly Jerusalem

God never waists our _____ as long as we keep moving _____.

Answers: 8, 10, took matters into their own hands, Abraham failed to lead, lost the patience of faith, did the culturally acceptable thing, two steps back, forward in faith

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