

**Lesson 7: Tragic Truth**  
December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Scripture: Genesis 16**

**Running Ahead of God**

- Instead \_\_\_\_\_
  - James 5: 7-8
- Abram's \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1 Peter 5:6-11
- When \_\_\_\_\_
  - Proverbs 30:21

**Tragic Truth of Sin**

- Abram \_\_\_\_\_
- Abram \_\_\_\_\_
- Through Hagar \_\_\_\_\_
- The tragic truth \_\_\_\_\_

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When you run with God, \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions For Wednesday Night Discussion**

**December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Read Genesis 16**

1. What one thing makes Christmas, Christmas for you?
2. What causes us to be impatient at times? Can you give examples of times in your life where impatience won out?
3. The phrase God helps those who helps themselves can be a very dangerous attitude. How?
4. Sarai broke no laws with her actions in verses Genesis 16:1-2. However, what mistake did she make? How do we make the same mistake in our lives?
5. What mistakes did Abram make in verses Genesis 16:1-6? Why do you think he listened to Sarai?
6. Sarai and Abram agreed to the same plan, why did their relationship suffer from this decision (See Genesis 16:4-6)? How can we fall into the same trap as them?
7. Peter states to be of sober mind and warns of a roaring lion in 1 Peter 5:6-11. How can you apply this verse to the issues facing Abram and Sarai? What happens when people who are desperate take advice from others who are in the same boat?
8. Comparing Abram and Sarai's decision in Genesis 16 to Adam and Eve's decision in Genesis 3, what similarities do you see? How is our thinking flawed if we blame only Sarai and Eve? What failures do we see in Adam and Abram?
9. Hagar is an innocent victim who finds herself all alone in the desert. When consequences from the sins of others impact your life, how does Hagar's story bring you hope?
10. Why does asking God for increased patience, wisdom, and self-control show faith and confidence in God's sovereign control?
11. When you feel you are getting ahead of God, what are some things you can do to prevent the consequences of sin?