

**The Power of God's Blessing**  
**Genesis 21:1-21, Pew Bible p. 15**  
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**I. The Blessing of God's Plan (V. 1-7)**

- A. God's blessings are always on time.
- B. God's blessings are always complete.

**II. The Fallout of Man's Plan (V. 8-14)**

- A. Manipulating God's blessings has horrible consequences.
- B. Manipulating God's blessings will not change God's mind.

**III. The Triumph of God's Plan (V. 15-21)**

- A. God's plan is bigger than man's plan.
- B. God's plan is better than man's plan.

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## Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 21:1-21.
2. Have you ever waited a long time for God to bless you in a certain way?
  - a. How did it feel when God's blessing finally came?
  - b. Why does God sometimes make us wait a long time to bless us?
3. How did Abraham and Sarah's decision to have Abraham father Ishmael through Hagar age over time, according to verses 9-11?
  - a. In what ways do we rush into happiness without God today?
  - b. What is the result when we take God's blessings into our own hands?
4. What was God's response to the disagreement between Abraham and Sarah about what to do with Hagar and Ishmael, according to verses 12-13?
  - a. What does this say about God's willingness to change His plans to excuse our mistakes?
  - b. What does this say about the danger of doing relationships outside of God's plan?
5. How did God take care of Hagar and Ishmael, according to verses 15-21?
  - a. What does that say about God's heart to care for people in need?
6. What were your favorite moments in the long period of Abraham and Sarah waiting for Isaac to arrive? Why?
7. Pray for our church members to wait on the Lord and not try to take His plan into their own hands. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.