

The **Big** Story Of The Bible

Part 17: Abram's Boneheaded Move

Tell me, you who want to live under the law, do you know what the law actually says? The Scriptures say that Abraham had two sons, one from his slave wife and one from his freeborn wife. The son of the slave wife was born in a human attempt to bring about the fulfillment of God's promise. But the son of the freeborn wife was born as God's own fulfillment of his promise. Galatians 4:21-23 (NLT)

4 Different Players:

1. An _____ Slave.

* Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had not been able to bear children for him. But she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar. So Sarai said to Abram, "The Lord has prevented me from having children. Go and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her." And Abram agreed with Sarai's proposal. Genesis 16:1-2 (NLT)

* So Abram had sexual relations with Hagar, and she became pregnant. But when Hagar knew she was pregnant, she began to treat her mistress, Sarai, with contempt. Genesis 16:4 (NLT)

* Then Sarai said to Abram, "This is all your fault! I put my servant into your arms, but now that she's pregnant she treats me with contempt. The Lord will show who's wrong—you or me!" Genesis 16:5 (NLT)

* Abram replied, "Look, she is your servant, so deal with her as you see fit." Then Sarai treated Hagar so harshly that she finally ran away. Genesis 16:6 (NLT)

* The angel of the Lord found Hagar... in the wilderness... The angel said to her, "Hagar... where are you going?" "I'm running away from my mistress, Sarai," she replied. The angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her authority... I will give you more descendants than you can count." Genesis 16:7-10 (NLT)

2. A _____ Housewife.

*** Sarai said to Abram, "The Lord has prevented me from having children. Go and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her..." (This happened ten years after Abram had settled in the land of Canaan.) Genesis 16:1-2 (NLT)**

*** These two women serve as an illustration of God's two covenants. The first woman, Hagar, represents Mount Sinai where people received the law that enslaved them. And now Jerusalem is just like Mount Sinai in Arabia, because she and her children live in slavery to the law. But the other woman, Sarah, represents the heavenly Jerusalem. She is the free woman, and she is our mother.
Galatians 4:24-26 (NLT)**

3. A _____ Hero.

*** And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. Genesis 16:2 (NLT)**

*** Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'... Genesis 3:17 (NLT)**

4. A _____ Friend.

*** Thereafter, Hagar used another name to refer to the Lord, who had spoken to her. She said, "You are El Rob (the God who sees me)." She also said, "Have I truly seen the One who sees me?" So that well was named Beer-lahai-roi (which means "well of the Living One who sees me"). It can still be found between Kadesh and Bered.
Genesis 16:13-14 (NLT)**

*** And you, dear brothers and sisters, are children of the promise, just like Isaac... So, dear brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman; we are children of the free woman. Galatians 4:28-31 (NLT)**

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