

Text: Genesis 21:1-21  
Topics: Faith, God's Promises, Relationships  
Series: Genesis: The Beginning of His-tory

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## Believe It!

### I. Isaac is Born (1-7)

God miraculously kept His promise to Abraham.

### II. Ishmael is Expelled (8-21)

God miraculously kept His promise to Hagar and Abraham.

✓ Galatians 4:21-31

Am I trusting God for a promise?

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. What's the longest you've had to wait for someone to keep their promise?
2. Read Genesis 21:1-7. God was keeping His promise at the appointed time. Starting at chapter 12, skim back through from there to chapter 21 to find the verses that state the promise and the appointed time.

Does anything stand out to you about Abraham's and Sarah's response to receiving the promise in chapter 21?

Our application is to keep trusting God to keep His promises. What promises are you trusting God to keep? Can you find them in Scripture?

3. Read Genesis 21:8-14. What was the celebration? What spoiled it?

How did Abraham respond? What does God's intervention tell us about God?

4. Read Genesis 21:15-21. Why did God need to rescue Hagar & Ishmael, and what happened afterward?

Again, we see God miraculously keeping His promise. What's different about this promise?

5. In Galatians 4:21-31 Paul uses this event to illustrate salvation and sanctification are a work of the Holy Spirit and not human law keeping. Read the passage. What's the application?

6. Look back at the promises of God to you, that you identified in question 2. Does God's dealings with Hagar & Ishmael encourage you even more? Explain.

Do you have someone that regularly encourages you to keep trusting God to keep His promises to you? What does it look like?  
Are you encouraging someone else in the same way?