

A Devotional on the Book of Genesis | **PART 7**You are made for more.

Faith in the waiting, Hope in the Promise.

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Faith in the Waiting. Hope in the Promise.

In Genesis 16 through 19, we witnessed both human weakness and God's steadfast love for His children on full display. Hagar's story reminded us that even in our wilderness moments, God sees us..."El Roi", the God who sees. Sarah's laughter and doubt turned to faith, showing that God's promises often take shape in His timing, not ours.

We also saw God's justice and compassion in His dealings with Sodom and Gomorrah. He listens when His people intercede, and that He delivers the righteous even in the midst of judgment. Through Abraham's bold prayers and Lot's rescue, we learned that God's mercy runs deeper than our understanding.

Sister, these chapters remind us that God's covenant is not fragile. His promises endure through fear, waiting, and even failure. As we move into Genesis 20–24, may we continue to see His steadfast love at work. May we be refreshed by hope in His promises, love that protects, provides, *and fulfills every promise in His perfect time*.

Week One

Read Genesis 20:1-18 and write down what	
stands out to you.	

DON'T FORGET





Week One

Read and discuss with your community:

Reflect back on Genesis 20:1-18. We see yet again, Abraham presents Sarah as his sister, and King Abimelech takes her, but God intervenes and protects her and Abraham. This shows where Abraham's current heart is at. Simply afraid, and stepping in to "control the outcome" rather than trusting God.

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Week One

Read and discuss with your community:

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•	How would you say God has showed up in a similar situation, where you stepped into the "need" to control the outcome?
•	Read Romans 4:16-17 and write it below:
•	How does this reference in the New Testament, encourage you in your new walk with God today? Specifically: "the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not."
	What does it mean for you to live under God's covenantal loving-kindness instead of your own schemes?



Read and discuss with your community:

We believe in the power of the **full Bible** and are in awe of how God confirms such promises made in the Old Testament, through writers in the New Testament. These writers such as Paul, didn't personally "know" those who God made promises to, yet God still spoke through them.

•	Read a writing from Paul to the Hebrews, Hebrews 13:5 and write below:

TAKE HEART

Sister, we all have battled with the love of worldly things, are just waiting for the "what's next" due to comparison, or think we need to control the next move to get to the result we want out of fear, doubt or uncertainty.

Take time to sit quietly and ask God: "Lord, show me where I have swapped your protection for my fear-based plans. Reveal your chesed to me in that place." Then journal what comes up.

Where do you need to remember today that God sees you? Share with your sisters so they can intercede on your behalf.

LET THIS BE YOUR PRAYER

Father, thank You that Your mercy does not depend on my perfect behavior. You protect, intervene, and keep Your promises. Help me to rest in Your loving-kindness today. Amen.



One-on-one time with God:

Sister, this is your time:

Over the course of this next week, God wants you to reflect on how He already knows the fulfillment of His promises, and has prepared in advance good works for you to do (walk out). Let Genesis 21 encourage your spirit, that our God will never leave you, nor forsake you. His promises will always, remain.

•	Read Genesis 21:1-32 and write down what stands out
	to you.

God's promise "finally" came true. We say finally, but God knew the timeline the entire time. If only Sarah and Abraham trusted God first, they would've went through less heartache. But even in their doubts, God birthed something new. His mercy remains. The Hebrew word to focus on this week is: Hebrew word: יָלִד (yalad) — to bear, give birth, bring forth.

While you too may have made mistakes just like Sarah and Abraham...Being able to witness what God has done despite their failure is so special. He birthed in them a new joy, and a new peace through Issac. What could you say God is birthing in you through this waiting period?

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Week Two

One-on-one time with God:

Remember:

• The Hebrew word יָלַי (yalad) highlights the miraculous and purposeful act of God bringing life. In Genesis 21, Sarah bears Isaac in fulfillment of God's promise, a child born not by human effort alone, but by divine intervention.

How has God intervened in your life without your help or doing? Write it below:	

Sister, don't forget:

Abraham welcomes Hagar and Ishmael back under God's direction. The good news here is that God keeps His promise, even when delays and tensions arise...and most importantly, His covenant (berit) (binding agreement - not dependent upon us)

•	How does seeing God's redemption for all encourage you in this season?
•	Read Galatians 4:28-31 and write it below:
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Week Two

One-on-one time with God:

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

In Galatians 4:28-31 it clearly states that we are children of promise, like Isaac, and heirs of the covenant of God's steadfast love.

WHERE IS	YOUR	HEART	TOD	AY?
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How does knowing God keeps His covenant (berit) encourage you amid waiting?
Are there relational tensions (like Hagar & Sarah) where you need to lean into God's inclusive mercy rather than divide?



One-on-one time with God:

TAKE HEART

Sister, we have to face reality here. God loves all of His children - not just some. Even those who have brought up or triggered pain in your heart (that includes those who may not even know what they're doing). His love isn't conditional for you, and He doesn't want your love to be conditional for any of His children. Love does not mean you don't set healthy boundaries to guard your heart in Christ Jesus. However, it does mean to release the tension in your heart that leads to bitterness. That hurts your walk with Him, and seeing His presence in your life today.

All being said...He STILL remains as "El Roi" the God who SEES you. He saw BOTH Sarah and Hagar in their pain. He met them, BOTH.

Where do you need to believe that God will or has met you in	
your pain? Where do you feel you need to experience His	
presence more? Be honest with God. All He wants is your hear	rt.
He will help you act out of a heart of "love."	

LET THIS BE YOUR PRAYER

God of the covenant, You are faithful. Thank You that You bring about the promise even when I grow weary. Help me to trust Your timing and to extend Your mercy to others around me. Amen.

Week Three

Read and discuss with your community:

•	Read and reflect on Genesis 22:1-24 and write down what stands out to you.
•	Reflect back on Genesis 22:1-24. How can your life today relate to this passage?
	Is there something in your life you have been holding onto tightly? Think deeply about this question. We all have

TALKING WITH GOD

something. Release it here:

Hebrew Word Study for the week is: (emunah) – faith, steadfastness, trust

Sit on the Hebrew word this week. Ask God how this can either show up in your life as a follower of Jesus, or how God's faithfulness can serve as a reminder for you to walk out "Emunah".



SISTER, WE NEED TO REFLECT:

In Genesis 22 we see Abraham's ultimate act of trust when God asks him to offer Isaac, and God provides a ram instead. Can you imagine God asking you to quite literally sacrifice the very thing you prayed for? Or the very thing/person you love the most?

	Read and reflect over Hebrews 11.17-19. Write it below.
•	Jesus is calling YOU, to be strengthened by Abraham's faith. One way we can do that is to remember times of God's faithfulness in our lives, those we know, and those we have read about in the Bible. What is one story of God's faithfulness you can look back to? Where do you think Abraham looked back to?

GOOD NEWS

When faith (emunah) is tested, God meets us with provision and rescues us, turning our obedience into deeper trust and revealing His faithfulness.



Sister, there is hope.

- Abraham's story in every way is a testimony. In what
 ways can your trust become a witness to those you're
 counseling or those you will counsel about anxiety or fear
 today? (Your friends, spouse/partner, children,
 grandchildren or strangers, even)
- Read and reflect on James 2:21-24. Write what stands out to you below:
- Sister, what James 2:21-24 is NOT saying, is that your works save you. No amount of "work" can. You ARE saved by the belief in Jesus Christ, what He did for you as your Savior, and His grace and grace alone.

What it IS SAYING, that true faith produces results. Just like a true gardener or farmer, will produce good fruit. You can have the head knowledge, but not the heart posture.

Week Three

Sister...God is saying, you're made for more.

Shame is not your name. Shame does not come from God. We will say it over and over again until you believe it. **However, conviction does spring up in believer's hearts**.

Conviction means: to be convinced of the truth of one's sin by the Holy Spirit, leading to repentance and a desire to change. **That means as a believer and follower of Jesus Christ the Holy Spirit lives inside of you!**

If you are convicted, where you know you have the head knowledge but your actions show your heart posture isn't there...Now is the time to "confess" to God, and your sisters for prayer. Where can you offer up your prayer to God where you have the knowledge but not the posture in your daily walk?

MAKE THIS YOUR PRAYER

Lord, You ask deep things of me, and You meet me with provision and love. Strengthen my faith today. Help me to lean in, not hold back. Help me to walk out my faith, and awaken a desire within to make my head knowledge, meet my hearts' posture. I know that everything I say and do flows from my heart. (Proverbs 4:23) Help me guard my heart the way you call me to, and teach others through my own journey with You. Amen.

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One-on-one time with God:

Sister, this is your time:

We know we're made for more and that impacts generations to come. In the next chapter, Genesis 23 we learn many things. One being, God's inheritance never waivers. What God begins, He completes. Pray that God opens your heart, spirit and mind to receive what He wants you to receive through His Word.

•	Read Genesis 23:1-20 and write down what stands out to you.
•	How do you view your "inheritance" in God (identity, purpose, community)?
•	Read and reflect over Ephesians 1:11-14. Write what stands out to you below:
•	What do you define as a promise?

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One-on-one time with God: Sister, this is your time:

 In life, God didn't promise us no heartache, pain or suffering. But He did promise us His never-failing love, support and help in time of trouble. (Isaiah 43:2)

In what area of life do you feel you haven't experienced His promises in your life today?

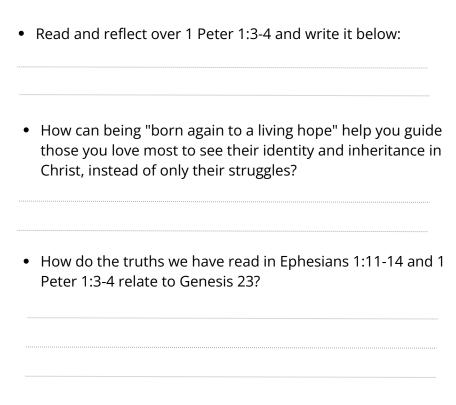
 How can you look back over Genesis 23 and Ephesians 1:11-14 to remind you of God's promises and who/what you can walk in today?

GOOD NEWS

Hebrew word: יָרֵשׁ (yaresh) - inherit, take possession.

God wants you to take possesion of what is already yours. What HE has given you. YOUR inheritance! That's HIS hope, HIS salvation, and your redemption through the cross...no matter what you have done. Paul who wrote to the Ephesians, murdered Christians and then was radically saved and changed through Jesus. He believed this truth, and so can you today.





SISTER, LET THIS BE YOUR PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You that I am Your heir, Your beloved child, Your inheritance.

Help me to walk in that reality and to guide those I serve into it too. May Your promise of legacy, purpose, and belonging lift us all. Amen.





GET PERSONAL WITH YOUR PRAYER

Where does God want you to live out the legacy of His promises? What promises is He calling you to walk out? Is the a specific area where you're lacking? Where do you currently	out? Is there currently gain that has your nd your
struggle in your own life? You'll read time and time again that God wants your heart. That's all He wants. Once He has your	
heart, He can begin the transformation in your life and your actions of self control, faithfulness to Him and the fruits of the	
spirit will abide. Write it all below:	



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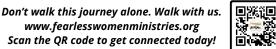
This is a big prayer. If you haven't filled up the first page, let this next prayer be another honest prayer to God:

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Questions you have to ask God + your fearless sisterhood:

We ALL have auestions. God has given us community to walk life with, and

instructs us to seek wise counsel. You don't have to navigate your relationship with God alone but in community. More importantly — God wants your real, unfiltered prayers first. Write down your questions for God + your sisterhood below	





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