Notes:

THE GOD WHO SEES

I. Sarai
   a. The pain of waiting
   b. The mistake of ___________________________ization
   c. The _________________________________ wife
   d. The need of Sarah: to know that she is_______________________
      and v_______________________ by God

II. Abram
   a. The poor decision under ______________________________
   b. The cost of this decision is huge
   c. The need of Abram: a larger dose of trust in God, the patient
      variety, fortified by the iron that would make him a man of
      uncompromising principle who is not so easily swayed by his fears
      of what others may do

III. Hagar
   a. The price of ______________________
   b. The Lord to the r___________________________
   c. The need for h___________________________
   d. The need of Hagar: to know that she is valued by God. He is a
      God who _____________________________
Genesis 16:1-14 Now Sarai, Abram’s wife had borne him no children, and she had an Egyptian maid whose name was Hagar.  
So Sarai said to Abram, “Now behold, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Please go in to my maid; perhaps I will obtain children through her.” And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. After Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Abram’s wife Sarai took Hagar the Egyptian, her maid, and gave her to her husband Abram as his wife. He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her sight. And Sarai said to Abram, “May the wrong done me be upon you. I gave my maid into your arms, but when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her sight. May the Lord judge between you and me.” But Abram said to Sarai, “Behold, your maid is in your power; do to her what is good in your sight.” So Sarai treated her harshly, and she fled from her presence. Now the angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. He said, “Hagar, Sarai’s maid, where have you come from and where are you going?” And she said, “I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai.” Then the angel of the Lord said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority.” Moreover, the angel of the Lord said to her, “I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count.” The angel of the Lord said to her further, “Behold, you are with child, and you will bear a son; And you shall call his name Ishmael, Because the Lord has given heed to your affliction.  
He will be a wild donkey of a man, His hand will be against everyone, And everyone’s hand will be against him; And he will live to the east of all his brothers.” Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, “You are a God who sees”; for she said, “Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?” Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.

Proverbs 30:21-23 Under three things the earth quakes, And under four, it cannot bear up: Under a slave when he becomes king, And a fool when he is satisfied with food, Under an unloved woman when she gets a husband, And a maidservant when she supplants her mistress.

Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes dishonor.

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.

1 Peter 2:18-21 Servants be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps.

1 Peter 5:6-7 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.