Sermon Series: Abraham - A Journey of Faith

“Learning to Wait on God”

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Psalm 33:20-22  7.9.17

Introduction:
A. How many of you like ____________ for things?
B. And we don’t like waiting for ________.
C. That’s when some people __________ _______ into their own hands and try to ________ God along, but that only makes things worse.

I. The Story
A. Genesis 16:1-3
1. Notice how verse 1 states that Sarah had bore him no ___________.
2. Can you sense who is feeling the greatest _______________?
3. Sarah suggested that Abraham take __________ as a ________.
4. Legal custom of that culture permitted the husband of a __________ woman to take her servant as a __________ wife and to have any child born of that second union to be regarded as the __________ wife’s child.
5. The biggest problem throughout this situation is that it appears that no one __________ o ________ of the Lord.

B. Genesis 16:4-6
1. This once harmonious home became a ________ zone.
2. When the consequences of sin began to fall, relationships always ________.
3. Hagar __________ Sarah, Sarah __________ Abraham, and Abraham __________ Sarah right back.
4. Sarah __________ Hagar so much that Hagar ______ _________.

C. Genesis 16:7-16
1. While Abraham and Sarah didn’t seem to _______ about Hagar, that was not the case with ________.
2. The messenger of the Lord is probably the pre-incarnate ________.
3. God’s messenger instructs Hagar to __________ to her mistress and ________ to her.
4. Hagar is told to name her son Ishmael which means “_______ ________.”
5. Hagar gave God the name “The God who ________ me.”

II. The Application
A. Lessons we learn about our relationship with God.
1. God doesn’t expect us to do it all on our _______.
2. We must not take ________ in ourselves.
3. Ask God for ____________.
4. God ________ and is ________ us always.
5. ________ upon the Lord (Psalm 33:20, 27:14; Isaiah 40:31)

B. Illustration of the “Flying Roudellas”
1. The ______ is the one that let’s go and the ______ is the one who catches.
2. In our relationship with God, we must never try to ________ the Catcher.
3. We must wait in absolute ________ - God will catch us if we ________.