



**WEST
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Week 11

Sermon Series: Sojourners: Genesis

Sermon Text: Genesis 20:1-21:7

Study Handout Week of: July 3, 2022

Group Week of: July 10, 2022

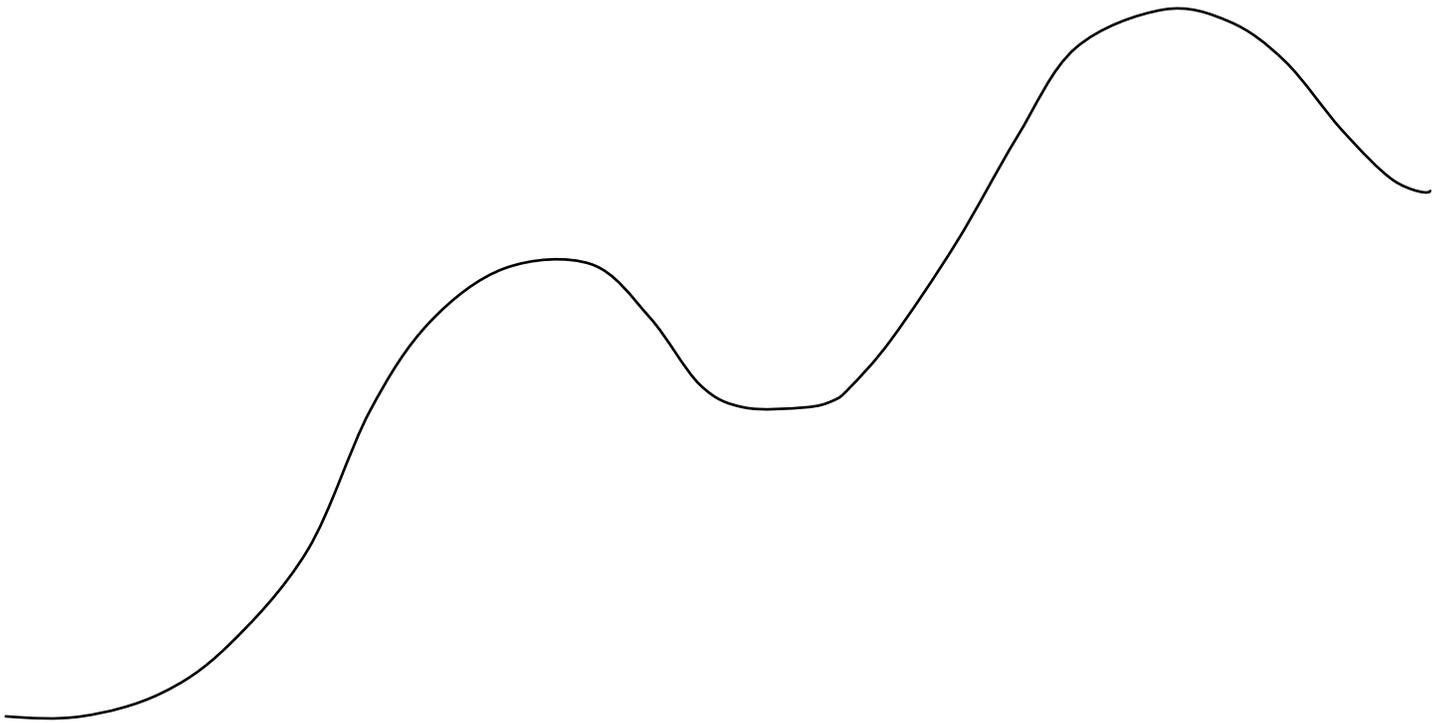
Sermon Date: July 17, 2022

The Text: Genesis 20:1-21:7

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	The Promise Offspring – Gen 10:1-9
Day 2	Pharaoh & Abraham – Gen 10:10-20
Day 3	The Promised Son – Gen 17:1-16
Day 4	Abraham’s Laughter – Gen 17:17-27
Day 5	Sarah’s Laughter – Gen 18:1-15

Instructions

- 1) Pray for the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to His words.
- 2) Read the passage.
- 3) Using the “Story Arc” below, insert the verses according to how you see the story begin, grow, climax, fall, and finish.
- 4) Write out the main lesson of the story.
- 5) Write out some of the other lessons along the way.



Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the central lesson(s) in this story?
- 2) Why is Abimelek unable to “touch” or “approach” (have sexual relations) Sarah?
- 3) Why does God close the wombs of the women in Abimelek’s household?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Although we can walk with the Lord a long time, sometimes the same sins that plagued us at the beginning of our journey are still there years later. Do you have any sin struggles, or habits of sin, still lingering from your early days as a follower of Jesus? If so share them with your group and why you think they have been so persistent through the years.

- 2) Abraham's confidence in the Lord to protect him shined brightly in battle with Kedorlaomer. All of that seems to be gone when he moves back to the Negev near Abimelek. Why do you think Abraham still chooses to call Sarah his sister? Does his answer to Abimelek in verses 11-13 seem to make sense given all that Abraham has been through?

- 3) When God confronts Abimelek about taking another man's wife, Abimelek says he did not know that Sarah was married. He says that he has taken Sarah with a clear conscience. God verifies this and even says that because of his clean conscience, "I have kept you from sinning against me." What does this teach us about intention and sin? Do our intentions, or actions, or both intentions and actions matter? Why?

- 4) When Abraham prays to God on behalf of Abimelek notice that Abimelek, his wife, and the women of the household are all healed. This means that when Sarah came into the household, they were all stricken with various forms of impotency, from Abimelek to everyone else. In this way, God protected Sarah. Why does God choose to protect Sarah?

- 5) For many years Abraham has waited for the son. Finally, after 25 years in Canaan, at 90 years of age, Sarah bears him a son, Isaac. Think back through the covenants and promises that God delivered to Abraham. What lessons do we learn about the faithfulness of God over the stories of Abraham's life?

- 6) We are sojourners and strangers from heaven living out their lives here on earth. We live by the promises of heaven, and not by what our eyes see here on the earth. What are the promises of heaven that you live by each and every day? Which promises have been most important to you and why? Share your stories here with your Life Group.

- 7) One of the hardest parts of the Christian life is being patient with God's timing. What lessons on patience have you learned from Abraham as we've gone through the study of his life?