



Minimizing Mistakes (Genesis 16)
Sunday, July 23, 2023 AVBC 10:30 am

1. Sarai's _____ (vs. 1-4a)

2. Family _____ (vs. 4b-6)

3. God's _____ (vs. 7-12)

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." (Lk 19:9,10)

4. Hagar's _____ (vs. 13-14)

5. Abram's _____ (vs. 15,16)

1. Mistakes are conceived when we try to handle life's challenges without the _____. (vs.1-2)

- This need must be met _____
- God seems to be moving too _____

2. Mistakes are preventable if godly people _____
(v.2b)

3. Mistakes are worsened when _____ by fleshly attitudes and actions (vs.4b-6)

A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control. (Proverbs 29:11)

-Psalm 27:14; 38:15; 130:5

4. Mistakes are _____. (vs.9-14)

God _____ about me right in the middle of a _____

- ✓ Hagar had to _____ and submit (v.9)
- ✓ Sarai had to _____
- ✓ Abram had to _____ (v.15)

Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all... (Proverbs 3:5-7a)

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(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: Have you ever come up with a "Plan B" because God seemed to be too slow in implementing "Plan A"? If so, explain. What was the outcome?

Q2: Has someone ever had the courage to "intervene" in your life in order to help keep you from making a mistake or a poor decision? How did you respond?

Q3: Is there a specific situation that you are sensing God's nudge to intervene in a sensitive/godly way? If so, describe. What would hold you back from stepping up?

Q4: Study Proverbs 1:8-16. What kind of intervention is taking place? What intervention principles can you learn and apply to your life?

Q5: When confronted with tough situations do you tend to be arrogant, angry or passive? Does God want to challenge that typical response? If so, how?

Q6: In order to deal with a "mistake" that may be bubbling and brewing in your life right now, is the Lord telling you to submit, accept or obey? Or, something else?

Q7: I Samuel 25 is an interesting story of a mistake being averted because of a courageous intervention. Read it. What truth is God teaching you in this passage?