



Birth and Weaning (Genesis 21:1-21)

Sunday, August 13, 2023 AVBC

-Genesis 17:15-17; 18:1-2a, 9-14

1. When God blesses you with a _____ time, be _____ (Gen. 21:1-7)

- Be thankful for the _____ (vs. 1,2)
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- Be thankful for the _____ (vs. 6,7)

God loves to give birth to _____ things

God uses _____ to give birth to new things

For Abraham is the father of all who believe. That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations. This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing. (Romans 4:16b, 17)

2. When God takes you through a _____ time, be _____ (Genesis 21:8-21)

When God births something _____ in your life
He often will wean you off something _____.

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. (Galatians 5:16,17)

Q: Why should I let go of this "Ishmael" in my life?

- Obedience resolves _____ (v.9,10)
- Obedience _____ "Isaac" (v.12)

One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" And they left their nets at once and followed him. (Matthew 4:18-20)

- Obedience demonstrates _____ (v.11-21)

CONCLUSION

Psalm 131

NOTE: We are not studying Gen. 20 because it is very similar to Gen. 12:10-20. If you are interested, you may want to go to the church website and check out the May 14, 2023 sermon