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God's are bigger than my patience. 21:1-7

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The Lord is not slow to fulfil His promise as some count slowness, but is patient towards you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

Make the most of your journey. There is more to life than the destination.

God's are bigger than my problems. 21:8-21

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You must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18 Also see Hebrews 5:13-14, and 1 Corinthians 3:1-3

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Ishmael was years old when Isaac was born.

Ishmael was about years old when Isaac was weaned.

Past Events Present Application

For it is written that Abraham had two sons by two women... Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants.

Galatians 4:22-24, & 4:29-30, & 5:16-17

Also see Galatians 5:24, & Colossians 3:9-10, & Matthew 10:38-39

Stop trying to be

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Hagar lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy..." Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water.

Hagar took a wife for Ishmael from Egypt (Genesis 21:21)

My prayer focus for this week, 18-24 June 2017

For personal reflection or group discussion

1. Read Genesis 21:1-2. What do those verses tell you about God's character? Which aspects of God's character do you most appreciate?
2. Read 2 Peter 3:9, remembering it was written to Christians. What does this verse require of Christians - in relation to God, self and others?
3. What are signs of maturity according to Hebrews 5:13-14? What makes growth increasingly easier?
4. What did God promise for Ishmael in Genesis 21:13, but what made that promise hard to fulfil, Genesis 16:12? What human elements work against God's promises in your life?
5. Read Genesis 21:16-19. What are some lessons we can learn about prayer being answered?
6. Hagar lived among the Hebrews and adopted their ways, but she never gave up her Egyptian heart (Gen.16:1,3, 21:9, 25:12). Eventually she tied her son to that same past (Gen.21:21). What warnings does this convey to good, church-going folk today?

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