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*When We Take Matters into
our Own Hands, Part 2*
Genesis 16

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1. "Don't Just Do Something, Stand There!" (Genesis 16:1-6)

2. God's mercy is greater than our sin, even though our sin cannot be undone.
(Genesis 16:7-16)

Table Talk

- 1) Who does Sarai say is to blame for her not having children? How is that correct, and how is it incorrect? Why is God waiting so long to give Abram and Sarai a son?
- 2) What are the differences between Sarai's plan in Genesis 16 and God's plan in Genesis 15? (hint: there are several!) How does Sarai's plan reveal that she is more interested in her goals than God's glory?
- 3) How does Sarai's plan "work"? How does it go wrong? Whom does Sarai blame for the problems? Why is it hard to face ourselves when our plans go against God's? Have you ever blamed your spouse or God for things that go wrong? Why do we second-guess God?
- 4) What are the negative results of Sarai's plan? How are we affected today by Sarai's plan?
- 5) How does God show Hagar His grace? Why would God bless and multiply the offspring of Hagar?
- 6) How does impatience keep you from being an effective Christian? What delays are you experiencing in your life where you need to keep trusting God and to be careful not to sin by your own scheming?